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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

749th Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 20 - 2:00 p.m.

The 749th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, January 20, 2000 at 2:05 p.m. by President Jim Salinas, Sr.

DOCUMENTS DEPT.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Jim Salinas, Sr., President
Gordon Chin, Vice President
Yvette Flunder
Gene Friend
William Getty
John W. Murray
Lynne Newhouse Segal

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President Salinas announced that Items 8 and 10 were taken off calendar, Item 11 would be taken out of order and heard before Item 5, and Items 5 and 6 would be heard as one item but voted on separately.

GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

Y2-OK

December 31st not only marked the end of another full year for the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, but also solidified the Department's position as one of the leading city agencies during times of crisis. After numerous playground dedications, groundbreakings and program celebrations throughout the year, New Year's Eve 1999 was not an evening of rest and relaxation for Department staff, but one of nervous anticipation and heightened alertness.

In support of the City's New Year's Eve preparations, many of our staff members volunteered to work at the Office of Emergency Services (OES) throughout the evening holiday. We had staff at the policy desk, logistics and in the Joint Information Center. We had staff on-call in various neighborhoods throughout the City, ready to respond to any problems that might have come up. And Dwain Swain in Golden Gate Park held down the fort in the Maintenance Yard by ensuring that the gas tanks and other Department equipment remained safe and secure.

Although we were prepared for an emergency, I am pleased to report our services were not required for any emergency situations that evening, and holiday revelers enjoyed a happy new year at all of our sites.

Junior Golfers

The Department sponsored a golf equipment gift day for 23 Junior Golfers. Mr. Jerry Berrow, Director of the Alameda Junior Pro Shop provided the equipment. Mr. Berrow also provided the Friends of Recreation and Parks with 70 assorted clubs, 700 balls, tees, and divot repair tools. KCBS radio reported that the event was a great success and various directors and recreation centers were represented.

Conservatory – Phase 1

Conservatory Bids were received on December 8, 1999. This was the second round of bidding and the bids came in well below the engineer's estimate, which was \$1,592,000. The low bid is \$916,320 made by S.J. Amoroso Construction Co./Handypersons Inc., a joint venture. The firm has a 7.5% bid discount. They also were pre-qualified in terms of having the necessary experience for restoring an historic greenhouse structure. HRC is ready to recommend the contract for award. The construction start date is January 21.

Certificate of Appreciation

The Department is pleased to present Certificate of Appreciation to the following individuals from the Main Yard: Jose Alvarez, Larry Lofberg, Anthony Lee, Stella Santos, Dominik Bartosik, Fernando Dela Torre, Francis Neves, Malcolm Brown, David Chan, Joe Lohman, Mike Brewer, Mike Mahoney, Mike Overstreet, Gary Lohman, Linda Migliore, Joe Callaghan, Mel Briones, Ray Fontana, Diane Palacio, Willie McCarthy, Joe Padilla, Brian Chow, Dwain Swain, Dermot Casey, Dave Degenova, Ken Mooney, Barry Sullivan, Alphonse Cronin.

Combined Charities

Recreation and Park employees demonstrated their generosity by contributing more than \$21,000 to the 1999 Heart of the City Combined Charities Campaign, an increase of 18% over the previous year. This year's contribution represents a quantum leap from \$9,000 in 1997 to \$21,000 in 1999. The increase in contributions was due to efforts by the team of employees who worked to ensure that every employee had an opportunity to give. While we are still working to achieve a higher percentage of contribution department wide, we wish to thank those employees who participated in the citywide campaign of giving to charitable organizations. Congratulations to six department employees who were early bird raffle winners.

Conservatory Greenhouse Dedication – January 12, 2000

Friends of Recreation & Parks and the San Francisco Garden Club celebrated the dedication of a new conservatory greenhouse behind the original Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park. This new structure will house the Conservatory's endangered species collection while the historic site is being restored. The new 2,000 square-foot structure was built with funds donated by Friends, the Garden Club, FEMA and the City.

Conservatory "Thank You"

A special "Thank You" goes to Jim Salinas, Margaret McArthur and the Carpenter's Union for their work to stabilize two greenhouses, the High Altitude Orchids and Propagation House. The Union's generous contribution included all building materials and labor, which came just in time. Shortly after the work was completed, a rainstorm hit the area, but thanks to their work, none of the Conservatory's plant collection was lost.

Christmas Celebrations

The Southern and Northern Divisions held major Christmas parties at every major clubhouse and facilities. The celebrations included visiting a Christmas tree farm in Petaluma where the youngsters went home with a Christmas tree, which they won or were given a one-gallon Pine tree from the Nursery. Also, some Latchkey participants had the opportunity to attend the Nutcracker Ballet.

Golden Gate Park Road Closures for 2000

Christmas Day	Saturday, December 25, 1999
New Year's Day	Saturday, January 1
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 17
Washington's Birthday	Monday, February 21
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29
Labor Day	Monday, September 4
Columbus Day	Monday, October 9
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 23

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, February 1, 2000	Recreation, Parks & Planning Committee 2:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, February 2, 2000	Joint Zoo Committee 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 3, 2000	Finance and Administration Committee 3:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Monday, February 21, 2000	Washington's Birthday Holiday

President Salinas introduced and welcomed Supervisor Amos Brown to the Commission meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Flunder requested that an agenda item come to the Commission at an upcoming meeting for a report back on the management audit.

On motion by Commissioner Flunder, seconded and carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 1999.

Res. No. 0001-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors accepts the following gifts valued at \$417,000.00:

Res. No. 0001-002

From the Randall Museum Friends, \$400,000.00 for Randall Museum Grounds Renovation

From Friends of Recreation and Parks, 17 light poles and fixtures, valued at approximately \$17,000.00 for Mission Dolores Park

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

Res. No. 0001-003

Purchase From

Lenore Bravo
47 Levant
San Francisco, CA 94114

1 colony bees
Purchase \$160.00

Mesker Park
2421 Benent Ave.
Evansville, IN 47720-8206

1 male 1 female Indian Muntjac
Purchase \$2000.00
USDA 32-C-0011

San Diego Wildlife Park
15500 San Pasqual Valley Rd.
Escondido, CA 92027-7017

15 male 15 female White-faced Whistling Ducks
Purchase \$750/group
USDA # 93-C-040

Animal Connection
Judah St.
San Francisco, CA

1 male Eastern Painted Turtle, 1 female
Western Painted Turtle, 1 female Map Turtle
\$65/group

Donation From

Alexandria Zoo
3016 Masonic Dr.
Alexandria, LA 71301

1 female colobus (monkey)
Donation
USDA # 72-C-0001

Gary Pitcher
461 Upland Dr.
Redwood City, CA 94062

1 unsexed Sun Conure (bird)
Donation

Lone Mountain Wildlife
RR #1, 41
Kancamagus Hwy
Lincoln, NH 03251-9711

1 male North American Porcupine
Donation

Randall Museum
199 Museum Way
San Francisco, CA 94114

1 unknown sex Calisoga Spider
Donation

Donation To

Brookfield Zoo
3300 Golf Rd.
Brookfield, IL 60513

1 female black rhino
Donation
USDA 93-C-0003
(animal is located at Cheyenne Mt. Zoo)

Marwell Zoo
Golden Common
Winchester, Hants SO21 1JH
England

1 male and 2 female Hamlyn monkeys
Donation

Exploratorium
3601 Lyon St.
San Francisco, CA 94123

4 unknown sex Indian Walking Stick
Donation

Sale To

Detroit Zoological Park
P.O. Box 39
Royal Oak, MI 48068-0039

1 female Snowy Owl
Sale \$300.00
USDA #: 34-C-0012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept the San Francisco Zoological Society audited financial statement for year ending June 30, 1999. **Res. No. 0001-004**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Assisted Recreation Division's Project Insight overnight snow trip to South Lake Tahoe for 12 deaf teens, February 19-21, 2000.

Res. No. 0001-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Conceptual renovation plans for the Margaret Hayward Clubhouse and Restrooms.

Res. No. 0001-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual improvement plan for the play area at Mission Dolores Park.

Res. No. 0001-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual improvement plan for the Holocaust Memorial at Lincoln Park.

Res. No. 0001-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does urge the Board of Supervisors to accept an easement offered by Miyako Mall Inc. to provide disabled access to the Japantown Peace Plaza.

Res. No. 0001-009 _

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Request For Proposal for a Green Waste Management Program.

Res. No. 0001-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a five (5) season lease with Mather Saddle and Pack Company for the operation of a horse rental concession at Camp Mather.

Res. No. 0001-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission approve Lease required improvements at the Stow Lake Boathouse.

Res. No. 0001-012

GENERAL CALENDAR

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On motion of Commissioner Friend, seconded and unanimously carried, Commissioner Chin was elected as President of the Recreation and Park Commission for a term of one year. Commissioner Chin expressed his gratitude to the Commission and thanked President Salinas for the standard he set and stated that he would carry on the tradition of great presidents in this Commission – President Salinas, President Flunder and President Friend.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder, seconded and unanimously carried, Commissioner Murray was elected as Vice President of the Recreation and Park Commission for a term of one year. Commissioner Murray thanked the Commission, thanked President Salinas for his work over the last year and stated he was looking forward to the opportunity to work on important issues working with the Commission and with President Chin.

HARDING/FLEMING RFP - APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT

HARDING PARK GOLF COMPLEX - AUTHORIZATION FOR STAFF TO COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH A SELECTED OPERATOR

Item Number 5 - the Approval of an amendment to the Harding/Fleming RFP and Item Number 6 – the Authorization for staff to commence negotiations with a selected operator for the Harding Park Golf Complex were heard as one item, but voted on separately.

Joel Robinson Acting General Manager congratulated and thanked the Department staff and Michael Cohen with the City Attorney's office for their work on this item. He discussed the concern of the public to keep Fleming in its current form. He announced that the amendment staff was requesting the Commission approve was to preserve Fleming's current layout.

Jaci Fong then presented item Number 6 - the Authorization for staff to commence negotiations with a selected operator for the Harding Park Golf Complex to the Commission. She explained the process to date and then

presented a detailed summary of the recommendation of the Selection Committee. She then announced the recommendation of the committee – Arnold Palmer Golf Management and explained the factors for the decision.

Each of the bidders was then given five minutes to speak. Arnold Palmer Golf Management and Kemper Sports made brief remarks. Supervisor Amos Brown joined the Commission in asking questions of both Arnold Palmer Golf and Kemper Sports.

John Walsh representing the Fleming Family commended the Commission for opening the issues to the public, listening to their comments, taking action on those items and asked for an approval of the amendment.

Francis McCall, Friends of MUNI Golf spoke in opposition to these items and stated that it would impact a lot of golfers with no place to play.

Bob Harmon, Friends of MUNI Golf spoke in opposition to these items. The association had serious concerns that input would be coming from a minority of golfers as opposed to the majority consensus, i.e. Friends of MUNI Golf. He stated that the group would carefully monitor all actions taken to see that the interests of the San Francisco golfing public are met.

Dave Cohen stated the Commission was founded to serve the people of San Francisco and believed the Commission was not doing that.

Joseph Greenwald presented the Commission with 2,500 signatures of people opposing this project.

Steven Demmick stated that the municipal golf courses were to provide a reasonable golf opportunity for the average citizen of the San Francisco. He asked that the Commission reconsider the plan and not approve it.

Vance Howard spoke in support of this item.

Charles Rambo stated the need to continue the feeling at Harding as a community golf course.

Jerry Mulhall stated he opposed this item.

Ernie Garcia, Hilton Hotel stated their customers have given them very favorable feedback from the service they received from Arnold Palmer at the Presidio.

Reola Freeman, with the Allen Junior Golf Program, requested that the youth be given an opportunity to learn and play golf.

Len Stachitas, with The First Tee Program expressed their excitement to be included in the RFP and explained how the First Tee Program helps youth.

Sandy Tatum spoke in support of this project, the First Tee Program and urged that the project go forward.

Bart Holladay spoke on the quality of managing the golf course, having a professional group manage it, stated that Arnold Palmer had done a great job at Presidio and that he believed they would also do a great job at Harding.

Barney Barron stated that the golf courses weren't broken, they turn a profit but the problem was that the money was not channeled back into the courses. He suggested that the same improvements could be made in-house with the same or less money.

Rennie O'Brien with Municipal Golfers United, he stated that he was working with the Department and Arnold Palmer Golf on this project.

Tom Cvikota stated that he works with Arnold Palmer to produce events. He complimented them on the changes they had made at the Presidio and supported them for the project.

Mike Ippolito stated current plans were the only viable alternative to upgrade the courses, that this project was a big win for the City and should proceed as quickly as possible.

Lou Perone complimented the Department and the Mayor's office on the project. He urged that the Commission approve this project.

Phil Havlicek, Board member at Harding Park, complimented the job Dan Bresack had done at Harding. He stated that the negative comments heard today were shortsighted, complimented the Commission on their efforts and stated that he supported the Arnold Palmer Group.

Emmett O'Donnell, President of the Lincoln Park Golf Club, stated that they were supportive of Arnold Palmer Golf and asked that the Department look at the problems at Lincoln Park Golf Course.

John Squire, San Francisco Black Chamber of Commerce, stated that this proposal would open the door to all communities and that he supported the Arnold Palmer Group.

Nick Petek urged the Commission to support the Palmer Group in their proposal.

Richard Harris was concerned about the recommendation of the selection committee and gave examples of problems that had occurred at the Presidio with the Palmer Group and stated that he had heard the Arnold Palmer Group was for sale.

Scott Thompson spoke in support of the Arnold Palmer Group.

Chris Gray with the PGA Tour stated that he was the designer of the proposed Fleming Course. He also stated that he and Sandy Tatum met with John Fleming after hearing the public concerns addressed at the November 18, 1999 meeting to meet these concerns.

After additional questions and comments by the Commission, on motion of Commissioner Newhouse Segal, seconded and unanimously carried the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0001-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an amendment to the site plan for Harding/Fleming RFP.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder, seconded and unanimously carried the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO 0001-014

RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept the recommendation of the selection committee, authorize staff to commence negotiations with that operator, but report back in writing to the commission every 30 days on the status of the negotiations. If there are any problems with the negotiations per the Commission's determination, the Commission may direct staff to stop negotiations and commence negotiations with the second highest rated operator.

SAN FRANCISCO MARINA YACHT HARBOR - APPROVAL OF THE INSTALLATION OF A COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) FUELING MODULE

Mike Morlin presented this item to the Commission. San Francisco Baykeeper is a non-profit organization whose mission is to act as an environmental watchdog along the bay's shoreline. 1998, Baykeeper was awarded a \$10,000 grant to install a CNG appliance that was donated to them by PG&E. They are looking for a location to install this appliance. The Department believes that a suitable location was found in the west harbor where Baykeeper's boat could sit overnight while refueling on the back side of a dock at Gate 11. A gas meter and an electric meter would be situated on land next to the utilities. The appliance would be located on a float and anchored to the dock so that it could rise and fall with the tide. Baykeeper expects to tie up at Gate 11 approximately two or three times each week. If and when, in the future, the Harbor must purchase a new work/patrol boat, it could have CNG compatible engine and it could avail itself of the fueling unit. Staff recommended approval. Steve Soriano and Jonathan

Kaplan with San Francisco Baykeeper were available to answer any questions or address concerns of the Commission.

Les Goldner, President of San Francisco Harbor Tenant Association, stated that the Association is supportive of the Baykeeper. He said that there had been no EIR done, it was in the wrong location and urged that the Commission reconsider. Commissioner Flunder requested that Mr. Goldner send a letter to the Commission addressing his concerns.

Francesca Vietor, Director of the Department of Environment spoke in support of Baykeeper's request to put a CNG fueling station in the harbor area.

Emeric Kalman had stated several concerns including a suggestion of the use of a sailboat instead of a motor boat, suggested the Baykeeper should buy the compressed gas and he concurred with Mr. Goldner's concerns.

Rick Ruvolo, Clean Air Program with Administrative Services, stated that they had been following this project and spoke in support of this project.

This item was put over until staff could get additional information requested from the Commission.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT SELECTION OF CONSULTANT/S FOR STRATEGIC PLAN

This item was removed from calendar.

SAN FRANCISCO MARINA – EAST HARBOR - PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Francesca Vietor, Director of the Department of the Environment gave a briefing of the the East Harbor. The City had requested permission to dredge, but it was been denied because of samples that had been taken from the East Harbor. She stated that she had been asked by the Mayor's office to come up with a series of options to bring before the Recreation and Park Commission to resolve this situation. She introduced Steve O'Sullivan, the project manager from the Department of Public Works for the Marina Harbor.

Emeric Kalman stated that the issue of contamination was brought up 5-6 years ago. He gave additional information - there has been a mandate from the State to identify all the Hot Spots in California. He stated his concerns of the reports and asked that the samples being studied be brought to the Commission.

3COM - APPROVAL OF MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT RFP

This item was removed from calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Emeric Kalman spoke of his concerns on the privatization of the golf courses, the earlier approval of audited financial statement for year ending June 30, 1999 and questioned why it had not gone to the Finance Committee.

COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Commissioner Newhouse Segal requested that the minutes reflect that there was not a report under General Manager/Staff Reports on the update of items heard at the Park and Recreation Committee of the Board of Supervisors as she had requested.

ADJOURNMENT

The 749th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and
Park Commission was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

750th Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 17, 2000 - 2:00 p.m.

The 750th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, February 17, 2000 at 2:05 p.m. by President Gordon Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Jim Salinas, Sr., President
Gordon Chin, Vice President
Gene Friend
William Getty
John W. Murray
Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:

Yvette Flunder

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Chin announced the following committee assignments:

Finance and Administration Committee

John Murray, Chair
Gordon Chin
Eugene Friend

Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee

Lynne Newhouse Segal, Chair
William Getty
Jim Salinas, Sr.

Joint Zoo Committee

Yvette Flunder, Chair
William Getty
Jim Salinas, Sr.

GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

California Coastal Conservancy Grants

The California Coastal Conservancy has awarded two grants totaling \$650,000 to benefit two (2) Recreation and Park Department sites for habitat restoration and trail improvements. Parcel 4, located on the Great Highway at Balboa Street, will receive \$100,000 to supplement an existing \$100,000 in funds to complete the improvement plan approved by the Recreation and Park Commission in January 1997.

Lake Merced, located in the southwest quadrant of the City, will receive \$550,000 to remove invasive exotic plants, re-establish native plant species, and to improve informal trails near the pedestrian bridge at South Lake and Impound Lake. This would be done in conjunction with proposals to improve a fishing pier and to construct a permanent restroom facility funded through the 1987 Park Bond.

Department staff will present these Coastal Conservancy Grant improvements to the full commission in the next months for approval as a gift-in-place from the Friends of Recreation and Parks which has generously offered services as fiscal agent.

Conservatory of Flowers

I am pleased to report that the Recreation and Park Department, supported by the Friends of Recreation and Parks and the Department of Public Works, presented a report to the Parks and Recreation Committee of the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, February 8. The project is moving ahead smoothly, with the support Greenhouse now finished and available to house plants while the first phase of the Conservatory's restoration is slated to start on February 22nd. The Friends reported that fundraising is well in hand. The remainder of project funding/pledges of approximately \$3.5 million will need to be completed by December 2000. The Board members were supportive and accepted our offer to tour the facility to better understand the historic construction issues being addressed. All appreciated the outstanding plant collection that will be safeguarded as part of the restoration project.

Assessment Workshop

The Recreation and Park Department has been conducting a series of staff workshops to discuss the results of the Assessment Study. The purpose of the 20 workshops is to begin a dialogue about the implications of the Assessment's findings on the future work of the department. The sessions will also serve as a bridge between the Assessment Study and the Department's strategic planning effort. We are conducting the workshops at park sites all over the city and involve staff from every facet of the organization. The information distributed at these workshops includes both citywide improvements as well as supervisorial district specific information. Kerry Enright, the lead consultant on the Assessment Study, is facilitating the workshops.

Community Learning Center

The Department is proud to be a partner with the new Community Learning Center (CLC). We kicked off the tutorial program at Herz Playground in McLaren Park on February 9. The CLC is a new tutoring program that will provide San Francisco students, grades 4 through 12, with assistance in Reading, English, Writing, Computer Skills, Cultural Awareness and Social Skills. A credential counselor will also be on hand to help with academic, behavioral, social and career planning issues. The program is designed to improve students' academic performance, cultural awareness and social skills. With an emphasis on African American Students, the CLC works to prepare youths for college and motivate them to attend college. The CLC is a partnership with Dr. James Calloway, ED.D, community activist Ruth Jackson and Recreation Director Renee Strong. The Herz Playground site is a pilot for the program, which we hope to take Citywide over the next year.

Budget Hearing

As you know the Department made it's initial presentation of the FY 2000-2001 budget on Monday, February 7 at the Commission's Finance Committee Meeting. We held another public meeting on Tuesday, February 15 at the County Fair Building on 9th and Lincoln. This year we are trying something somewhat different. Angela Gengler and Mary King Gowrky designed an interactive workshop to inspire the public to get more involved in the Department's budget process. While we are requesting a status quo budget again this year, we wanted the public to help us prioritize our requests. The workshop was designed to get people thinking about the realities of increasing one program at the expense of another. We sent out over 500 notices inviting the public and posted a notice at more than 15 major recreation centers in an effort to increase public participation. We also sent out calendar listings for local neighborhood newspapers and radio public service announcements.

CPRS -Ontario – March 15 – 18, 2000

I'm pleased to announce that the Department will participate in the 52nd Annual California & Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Training Conference, which will take place from March 15-18, 2000 at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, CA. The Department will present the following sessions: Creating Community Support for Off-Leash Dogs in City Parks; Homelessness - Taking the Opportunity to Mobilize; Turf Management; Recycling Municipal Trees – Minimum Cost, Maximum Return and Golf Management – Great Opportunities for Leveraging. The Conference is produced and supported by the California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS). This is the second largest recreation and park conference in the nation providing education, exhibit and network opportunities for the Pacific Southwest states of California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and Hawaii. The CPRS will contain more than 100 educational sessions led by speakers from a wide range of backgrounds both in and outside the recreation and community services profession.

Park Presidio Boulevard

Golden Gate Park staff and the Park Presidio neighbors have initiated a cooperative maintenance plan to return Park Presidio Boulevard into its former pristine landscape. Due to past budget cuts, staff for the Boulevard was removed and the area received only periodic attention. Under this new cooperative program volunteers working side by side with GGP staff have started to remove ivy and blackberry patches, prune shrubbery, edge lawn strips, and plant new perennials and trees. Several blocks have been completed with the goal to complete the project by this summer. This is a prime example of leveraging our available resources while engaging the community.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, March 7, 2000	Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee 2:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, March 1, 2000	Joint Zoo Committee 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 2, 2000	Finance and Administration Committee 3:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Commissioner Getty, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2000. **RES. NO. 0002-015**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. **RES. NO. 0002-016**

Purchase From

Joyce Moreno
372 Arden Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025

1 male Gotland Pony
Purchase \$1,250.00

Hatari Enterprises
P.O. Box 510
Portal, AZ 95632

Brown Recluse Spiders, Darkling Beetles
Diving Beetles, Dung Beetles
(yearly ¼ shipment)

Donation From

David Carroll
10243 Saratoga Springs Road
Upper Lake, CA 95485

1 male Eastern Indigo Snake
Donation

Daniel Alfonso
1200 E. Hillsdale, # 109
Foster City, CA 94404

1 unknown sex striped-leg tarantula
Donation

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of construction contract for the Animal Resource Center (re-bid) to Huey Construction Management Co. in the amount of \$2,142,000.00 on the condition that it be certified by the Human Rights Commission. **RES. NO. 0002-017**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Trust For Public Land that would: a) recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept a gift-in-place from the Trust for Public Land for improvements to the parcel located mid-block between Rutland and Alpha Streets, and bound on the north by Raymond Avenue and on the south by Leland Avenue and b) permit placement of a plaque acknowledging the gift from the Columbia Foundation in memory of Mr. Hans Schiller.

RES. NO. 0002-018

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Third Amendment to the existing Golden Gate Park Stables Lease to amend specific sections and to add general provision required by City Law.

RES. NO. 0002-019

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase in public fees for lessons, trail rides, and other services at the Golden Gate Park Stables, effective March 1, 2000. **RES. NO. 0002-020**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Lease Agreement between the Visitation Valley Community Center, Inc. and the Recreation and Park Department to operate a childcare program at the Tucker/Rutland location. **RES. NO. 0002-021**

GENERAL CALENDAR

SOUTH OF MARKET PARK

Robert McDonald, Park Planner, presented this item to the Commission. In September of 1996 Mayor Willie Brown and the San Francisco Unified School District signed a Memorandum of Understanding to allow for a series of property transfers between each agency to construct a new neighborhood park in the South of Market Area. On February 2, 1997, pursuant to Resolution No. 160-97, the Board of Supervisors approved an exchange agreement and lease-back between the City and SFUSD to purchase the Bessie Carmichael School for an new City park.

The exchange agreement allowed the City to purchase three lots known as the McCormick parcels, in exchange for the Bessie Carmichael School site. Open Space funds were used to make up a portion of the difference in fair market value between the two sites. A lease-back was established to allow the School District to occupy the Bessie Carmichael School site for up to three years after the transfer of land, in order to build and construct a new school. In consideration of the lease, SFUSD also agreed to perform hazardous material remediation for the McCormick parcels. In May of 1999 the City exchanged the McCormick parcels for the Bessie Carmichael School site with the SFUSD and the City now owns the Bessie Carmichael School site. The Recreation and Park Department has developed a conceptual plan for this site. Once the conceptual plan for the South of Market Park are approved by the Commission, the SFUSD plans to incorporate the design with the plans for the school site and submit this consolidated plan to the State for funding the construction of the new school.

The Department held a series of community meetings and workshops to develop and refine the components included in the conceptual plan. In general, the community desired a variety of uses to serve the needs of the surrounding neighborhood, required a safe and secure place for residents and children, and supported adequate and separate areas to serve the needs of the children at the Bessie Carmichael School. Staff then highlighted the major park features for the Commission.

After detailed discussion and questions by the Commission, on motion of Commissioner Newhouse Segal, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0002-022

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual improvement plan for the South of Market Park.

MISSION DISTRICT – NEW PARK AT 23RD STREET AND TREAT AVENUE

This item was presented by Marvin Yee, Park Planner, to the Commission. In September of 1999, the Commission approved a conceptual improvement plan and soil remediation plan for the new park in the Mission District located at 23rd Street and Treat Avenue. The approved plan depicts a centrally located clubhouse, as well as play areas, a community garden, gazebo, and lawn areas.

After further review of the conceptual plan, the Recreation and Park Department and the Department of Public Works proposed that the clubhouse be relocated to the corner of Folsom Street and 23rd Avenue for the following considerations: 1) improved visibility through the park, 2) more efficient programming of the outdoor spaces, 3) establishment of a more positive presence on the corner of the park most visible to vehicular and pedestrian traffic, 4) protection to the interior of the park from noise and pollution and 5) during evening park closure hours, allows the park to remain closed while maintaining access to the clubhouse.

This proposal was made to the community through the mailing of public notices and postings at the site. PODER!, a community-based environmental justice organization and co-sponsor to develop the original plan, supports the recommended relocation of the clubhouse.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0002-023

RESOVLED, That this Commission does approve a revised conceptual improvement plan for the Mission District new park at 23rd Street and Treat Avenue.

CROCKER AMAZON PLAYGROUND – SKATEPARK

This item was presented by Marvin Yee. Crocker Amazon Playground is located in the Excelsior District at Geneva and Moscow Streets. In June of 1997, the Recreation and Park Commission approved a conceptual plan for a skatepark in Crocker Amazon. The skatepark includes a subsurface bowl, fencing and landscape buffer.

Through a competitive bidding process, four bids were received. The Human Rights Commission has verified that Angotti and Reilly contractors submitted the lowest qualified base bid with preference points as a local-business enterprise.

Jymie Shores stated that he had been part of the planning committee for this park as a member of the Excelsior Youth Club and was supporting this skatepark. Rebecca Silverberg with the Excelsior District Improvement Association, supported this item and asked if the Commission could refer to this park as something other than a skatepark as members of the community are envisioning something other than the skate bowl that it is. Ernestine Weiss requested that this skatepark be advertised so that people use this park.

Commissioner Chin asked that the Department consider using another name for the facility when they put up signs.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, Sr., seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0002-024

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award of contract to Angotti and Reilly in the amount of \$393,000.00 for the construction of a skatepark.

DUBOCE PARK

This item was presented to the Commission by Marvin Yee. Duboce Park is located adjacent to the Duboce Triangle neighborhood at Duboce Avenue and Scott Street. In September 1999, the Commission approved the latest conceptual renovation plan for the play area located along Duboce Avenue.

Protective surfacing below the play equipment may be a combination of rubber mating and sand. The anticipated total funds derived from the Open Space Program, grants and private fundraising would be adequate to cover up to 50% of the play area with rubber matting. The project is slated for completion by September 9, 2000, for the park's centennial celebration. However, the Friends of Duboce Park and the Department maintenance staff recommends that 100% of the play area be surfaced with rubber matting to address health and safety issues and to maximize handicap accessibility to the play equipment. This would require additional funding.

Tire Recycling Grant Funds are available from the California Integrated Waste Management Board to fund rubber surfacing composed of California recycled tires. Up to \$25,000.00, which would sufficiently fund the 100% rubber surfacing of the play area, may be requested through a competitive application process. The Recreation and Park Department would like to apply for this grant for the renovation of the play area at Duboce Park.

Although the Administrative Code permits department heads to approve the application for State grants, the application for the CIWMB grant requires an approved resolution from the applicant's governing body authorizing submittal of the application. The application deadline is February 18, 2000.

On motion of Commissioner Newhouse Segal, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO.0002-025

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the submittal of an application for a \$25,000.00 State grant fund to be used for installing surfacing made from recycled tires contingent upon staff investigating the flammability of the product.

APPROVAL OF FY 2000-01 BUDGET

Mary King-Gorwky presented this item to the Commission. She stated that the Department was currently working with the Mayor's Office to develop the Fiscal Year 2000-01 Budget for submission to the Mayor on

February 25, 2000. In addition to the Budget, staff also included detailed BPREP sheets from the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Budget as approved by the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor for the Commission's review.

She then presented the in detail the budget for FY 2000-01. Deborah Learner presented the Capital Plan and Jeffrey Bramlett presented the Health & Safety portion of the budget.

Michael Nurre spoke in terms of the capital budget in relation to Golden Gate Park asked the Commission to fund the road closures and the parking restrictions put in the budget.

Commissioner Chin requested that staff prepare a status report on the road closure issue listing the reasons for delays and if the reasons are financial. He then updated the Commission on discussions from the Finance and Administration Committee hearing.

On motion of Commissioner Chin, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0002-026

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's budget for FY 2000-01.

At this time Commissioner John Murray excused himself from the meeting.

TOLLING AGREEMENT AND NAMING RIGHTS AGREEMENT

Jaci Fong, Director of Property Management, presented this item to the Commission. The Stadium Lease between the San Francisco Forty Niners and the City expires on May 31, 2008. Section 20 (c) of the Lease provides that the Forty Niners have the rights to terminate the Stadium Lease earlier if an arbitration panel decides that the Stadium has not been maintained in a condition suitable for the exhibition of major league professional football games.

The provision of Section 20 (c) were included in an amendment to the Stadium lease negotiated in the 1980s after the Forty Niners' first participation in a Super Bowl game. At that time 3Com Park was a potential Super Bowl site and the Forty Niners were concerned about the Stadium's condition. As a result of these concerns, the City agreed to spend approximately \$28 million in improvements to 3Com Park. In return the Forty Niners agreed to pay additional rent and to extend the Stadium lease. To alleviate the Forty Niners' concerns about future stadium maintenance deficiencies, the arbitration provision of Section 20 (c) was included in the Stadium Lease.

The Forty Niners provided notice to the City on December 18, 1997 that 3Com Park had not been maintained in a condition suitable for the exhibition of major league professional football games. The City responded by denying the claim of inadequate maintenance. The parties agreed to toll the April 1, 1998 deadline for commencing arbitration of the dispute to enable the parties to focus on completing negotiations for the proposed New Stadium Complex approved by the San Francisco electorate on June 3, 1997. The parties entered into a Tolling Agreement dated December 11, 1998 approved by the Commission and the Board of Supervisors. The Tolling Agreement provides that neither the Forty Niners nor the City can initiate the arbitration process under the Stadium lease before December 31, 1999. It further provides that such tolling arrangement continues thereafter for an indefinite period unless either party gives 90 days written notice of its election to terminate the Tolling Agreement.

The City entered into the Naming Rights Agreement with the Forty Niners in 1996. This agreement includes two one-year options to extend beyond the January 31, 2000 expiration date. The Forty Niners must give the General Manager at least six months prior written notice of its intent to exercise either option. Due to the change in control of the Forty Niners, the Forty Niners inadvertently failed to give notice of intent to exercise the first option. The Forty Niners have requested that the City accept late notice of the exercise of the first option to extend the Naming Rights Agreement.

Staff recommended that the Commission urge the Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution approving the First Amendment to the Tolling Agreement and accepting late notice of the Forty Niners' intent to extend the Naming Rights Agreement.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0002-027

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a First Amendment to the Tolling Agreement regarding the Arbitration Provision of Stadium Lease ("Tolling Agreement") between the City and County of San Francisco and San Francisco Forty Niners, and to accept late notice of the Forty Niners' intent to extend the Agreement to Sell Stadium Naming Rights ("Naming Rights Agreement").

EMBARCADERO PLAZA II SOUTH

This item was presented to the Commission by Deborah Learner, Park Planner. The Plaza is located on Assessor's Block 3714 south of Market Street bounded by Stuart Street to the west, the Embarcadero to the east and Lot 17 of that Block to the south. The Plaza is under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and is subject to Section 295 of the Planning Code pursuant to the November 1984 Proposition K. Section 295 of the Planning Codes requires all building permits that will cast shade or shadow on a park under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission to be reviewed by the Recreation and Park Commission to determine whether or not the new shadow would be deemed significant or insignificant. The Recreation and Park Commission would forward their finding and recommendation to the Planning Commission for their consideration at a public hearing.

The proposed Mission-Stuart Hotel, an eight-story building, would vary in height from about 47 feet closest to the Plaza to 84 feet along Mission Street. The Project would add 510,544.8 total annual new square foot hours of shade on the Plaza, which would represent 0.25 percent of the existing sunlight on the Plaza. The 1989 Memorandum by the Planning Department, which was endorsed by both the Planning Commission and the Recreation and Park Commission by Resolution No. 11595 on February 7, 1989, recommended an "Absolute Cumulative Limit" for the Plaza of 0.1 percent. The proposed Mission-Stuart development would exceed the Absolute Cumulative Limit established for the Plaza by Resolution No. 11595.

However, Section 295 of the Planning Code, the Sunlight Ordinance, exempts buildings up to 40 feet in height from consideration of shadow impacts. The new shadows that the Project would cast on the Plaza would not be greater than that which a 40-foot tall building would cast at that location.

Because of the location of this Plaza and the nearby visitor and office worker uses, the most intensive use of the Plaza is during the noon hour. The Project would not cast new shadows on the Plaza during the noon hour. In addition, the Project would provide numerous local and citywide public benefits which include safe, clean and attractive pedestrian retail activity, including an outdoor café and sale of goods related to historic trolley service, an improved transit shelter for the F Trolley Line, a compatible development along the Waterfront and a reliable, long-term revenue stream to support citywide and local MUNI services.

Ernestine Weiss stated that staff answered her questions during the presentation. Jim Hass, chairman of the committee for the Waterfront Organ Pavilion discussed the relationship of the park, the organ pavilion and the hotel and stated his support of this item. Peter Winkelstein, representing SPUR spoke on behalf of this project. Ann Halstead stated that she believed this would be a much better use adjacent to a park than the MUNI layover was and that although the issue of shadow was very important in this case the shadow impact was very diminutive.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0002-028

RESOLVED, That this Commission finds no significant shadow impact on Embarcadero Plaza II South from the proposed Mission-Stuart Hotel development.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wendy McClure of the San Francisco Dog Owners Group discussed the Off Leash Dog Task Force, stated that the Task Force had made some recommendation and asked that the Commission approve the recommendation the Task Force had made. Ernestine Weiss spoke about Butterfly Museum and asked the Commission not to allow the Butterfly Museum there as it would be detrimental to that area.

The Commission then adjourned into close session at 4:50 p.m. pursuant to item Number 14 on the agenda and reconvened into Open Session at 5:28 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The 750th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

751st Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 16, 2000 - 2:00 p.m.

The 751st Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 16, 2000 at 2:05 p.m. by President Gordon Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Gordon Chin, President
John W. Murray, Vice President
Gene Friend
Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:

Yvette Flunder
William Getty
Jim Salinas, Sr.

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President Chin announced that item number 9 was taken off calendar.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Chin gave a detailed report on Propositions A and C, the Capital Plan and the Strategic Plan.

GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

Propositions A & C

It is with great pleasure that I announce that both Propositions A and C on the March 7, 2000 passed. While the national political pundits called this date Super Tuesday, it had an even greater significance to the Recreation and Park Department. Proposition A, the \$110 million General Obligation Bond Measure, passed with unprecedented success of 79% in favor. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Committee for Better Parks, the Recreation and Park Department staff and the Commission for their commitment to this campaign. The overwhelming success of this proposition is confirmation that the citizens of San Francisco have an increased confidence in the services this department provides.

Proposition C, the Open Space Fund Charter Amendment passed with nearly 74% of the voters in favor of it. This Amendment will significantly change the way we do business as well as extend the Open Space Fund for 30 years. Internally, staff has been meeting and planning for implementation of these Measures. We are currently putting the finishing touches on the organizational plan so that we can efficiently manage the increase in capital projects. Additional good news, State Bond Proposition 12 also passed. San Francisco could receive as much as \$100 million.

Emergency Phones in Golden Gate Park

Thanks to a generous gift of \$27,000 from the Friends of Recreation and Parks, Golden Gate Park will now have five emergency phones placed strategically throughout the park. The bright yellow call boxes, similar to the phones found along California freeways, will dial directly to local emergency services.

In addition to the new emergency call boxes, Sprint PCS has donated 100 cellular phones for use by the Department's field staff in both Golden Gate Park and McLaren Park. The phones will call directly to emergency services as well. The Department held a press conference on March 6, 2000 to celebrate both of these safety initiatives.

Friends of Recreation & Parks Preview Party

The Friends of Recreation & Parks held their annual Preview Party for the San Francisco Garden Show on Wednesday, March 15th. This is the largest fundraising event in support of Parks in San Francisco, which has raised millions of dollars in the fifteen years that it has been in existence, and leveraging even more through challenge grants. The proceeds from this year's party will go to support improvements in neighborhood parks, Golden Gate Park and the Conservatory of Flowers. The Friends wish to thank the Commissioners who supported this event, with special gratitude to Commissioner Friend for his generous leadership gift and for his many years as a Patron of the party.

Conservatory of Flowers – Phase 1

Conservatory of Flowers phase one restoration began the week of March 6th. All plants with the exception of two large cycads have been transplanted from the west wing into the new green house. At this time, it looks like we lost less than 10% of the transplants. This is encouraging news for the remainder of the project.

Phase one restoration will encompass a systematic analysis of the greenhouses' original redwood and develop procedures that will be used for the remainder of the structure's eventual complete restoration. We will have a celebration on May 15 at 11:00 a.m., with a reception hosted by Friends of Recreation and Parks.

Jr. Open Golf Tournament

The Department's "Meeting the Greens" junior golf program is holding our first-ever Jr. Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 20, 2000. The tournament is being held at Sharp Park in Pacifica. There is a 12:00 noon shotgun start. Registration is free, and trophies will be given to three age categories. Meeting the Greens was started just over one year ago, and has grown to include nearly 100 participants.

Recreation & Park University

The Recreation and Park University curriculum is being developed in cooperation with City College of San Francisco (CCSF). We have identified classes that will be available for staff during the Summer session at City College and will finalize the availability of those classes in early April. At that time, CCSF staff will meet with staff interested in personal advancement and provide guidance as to what classes will meet our employee's career development needs.

As part of Recreation and Park University's landscape curriculum, the first two classes have been held for approximately twenty Department gardeners and a Public Service Aide. This twenty-two week certificate program entitled Landscape Management Practices will provide staff instruction in all aspects of horticulture and landscape maintenance. Landscape experts and academics from throughout Northern California have agreed to provide instruction in this innovative and challenging program.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, April 4, 2000

Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee
2:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge

Wednesday, April 5, 2000

Joint Zoo Committee 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Finance and Administration Committee
3:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge

Elizabeth Goldstein gave a report on issues before the Parks and Recreation Committee of the Board of Supervisors. Jaci Fong gave a report on the Harding Golf project. Commissioner Newhouse Segal reminded staff that she would like included in the monthly reports the issue of displaced golfers. Francis McColl spoke on the issue of displaced golfers, and asked about the Citizen's Oversight Committee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion duly made by Commissioner Newhouse Segal, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2000.

RES. NO. 0003-029

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

RES. NO. 0003-030

Donation From

Caldwell Zoo
Box 4280
Tyler, TX 75712-4280

2 male and 2 female black-bellied
whistling ducks
USDA # 74-C-0367

Oakland Zoo
P.O. Box 5238
Oakland, CA 94605

3 female meerkats
Donation
93-C-0005

Purchase From

Gladys Porter Zoo
500 Ringgold Street
Brownsville, TX 78520

4 male meerkats
\$200/group
USDA # 74-C-0050

RESOLVED. That this Commission does accept the following gifts valued at \$ 5,428.94:

RES. NO. 0003-031

- 1) Sprint PCS, 106 cellular phones for use by Recreation and Park Staff Gardeners to access 911 services, valued at \$ 3,178.94
- 2) Presidio Community YMCA, nine pieces of Nautilus strength equipment for use at Hamilton Recreation Center, valued at \$2,250.00

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors accepts the following gifts valued at \$ 273,745.78:

RES. NO. 0003-032

- 1) Lucille Fendall Will, \$50,000.00 for the Golden Gate Park Senior Center, interest accruing gift

Through Friends of Recreation and Parks:

- 1) Lambda Alpha c/o The Trust for Public Land, \$500.00 for the Chinatown Recreation Center Rooftop Garden
- 2) The Trust for Public Land, \$500.00 for the Chinatown Recreation Center Rooftop Garden
- 3) After Work Tennis Club, \$1,000.00 for the Jr. Tennis Program
- 4) Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Guggenheim, \$500.00 for JP Murphy Park
- 5) High Speed Productions, Inc. , \$1,500.00 for the Special Needs Division
- 6) Ms. Jeanne C. Burbank, \$600.00 for Dolores Park
- 7) USTA Northern California, \$800.00 for the Jr. Tennis Program
- 8) The Haas Family Fund, \$1,000.00 for The Plant Fund
- 9) Orchid Society of California, \$500.00 for The Plant Fund
- 10) Friends of Project Insight, \$500.00 for Project Insight
- 11) Ms. Jessica Earley, \$728.00 for Project Insight
- 12) Ms. Florence Chin, \$728.00 for Project Insight
- 13) Mr. Thomas Walters, \$2,000.00 for the Waterfront Organ Pavilion
- 14) AMB Property Corporation, \$2,500.00 for the Waterfront Organ Pavilion
- 15) Engmann Family Foundation, \$1,000.00 for the Waterfront Organ Pavilion
- 16) Cahill Contractors, Inc., \$2,000.00 for the Waterfront Organ Pavilion
- 17) The Peter Musto Charitable Trust, \$1,000.00 for the Waterfront Organ Pavilion
- 18) Ms. Daniela Faggioli, \$500.00 for the Pioneer Park Project
- 19) Ms. Judith Jane Ross, \$500.00 for the Pioneer Park Project
- 20) The Chronicle Publishing Co., \$1,000.00 for the Pioneer Park Project
- 21) Ms. Eleanor C. Jericoff, \$500.00 for the Pioneer Park Project
- 22) Mr. Max Boyer, \$500.00 for the Pioneer Park Project
- 23) Ms. Lisa Delan, \$500.00 for the Pioneer Park Project
- 24) Mr. John McKieran, \$500.00 for the Pioneer Park Project
- 25) Ms. Diana Dollar Knowles, \$500.00 for the Pioneer Park Project
- 26) Mr. and Mrs. Krist Jake, \$1,151.40 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund
- 27) Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ferrero, \$1,249.80 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund
- 28) The Honorable and Mrs. Carlos Bea, \$2,381.40 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund
- 29) Pacific Union, \$3,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund
- 30) Mr. Robert Fewster, \$1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund
- 31) Mr. Roger Jan Hansen, \$1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund
- 32) Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rus, \$1,269.18 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund
- 33) Ms. Meg Reilly and Mr. Peter Bianucci, \$1,838.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund
- 34) Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Silk, \$500.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund
- 35) Mr. Stephen P. Schatz, \$500.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund
- 36) Mr. Thomas Kuglen, \$500.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund
- 37) Mr. and Mrs. Elmer and Jill Tosta, \$1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund
- 38) Ms. Leslie M. Callan, \$500.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund
- 39) Ms. Angelica R. Thieriot, \$1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund
- 40) Providian Financial Corporation, \$30,000.00 for the Park Renaissance Program
- 41) Pacific Gas & Electric Company, \$20,000.00 for the Park Renaissance Program
- 42) San Francisco Foundation, \$10,000.00 for the Artist in Residence Program for Lachtkey and Teens at Oceanview
- 43) Gap Inc., \$50,000.00 for Moscone Playground Facility
- 44) Ms. Sidne J. Long, \$5,000.00 for Project Insight
- 45) Ms. Lisa K. Long, \$5,000.00 for Project Insight
- 46) Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund, \$10,000.00 for the Waterfront Organ Pavilion

- 47) San Francisco Beautiful, \$5,000.00 for the Waterfront Organ Pavilion
- 48) Elizabeth & Stephen Bechtel Jr. Foundation, \$10,000.00 for the Waterfront Organ Pavilion
- 49) Tully M. Friedman & Company, \$25,000.00 for the Waterfront Organ Pavilion
- 50) Columbia Foundation, \$10,000.00 for the Waterfront Organ Pavilion
- 51) Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ferrero, \$5,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of contract for the Education Center to Nutek Construction from Brisbane for the base bid of \$2,885,000 to be certified by the Human Rights Commission. If Nutek Construction is not certified by the Human Rights Commission, this approval shall extend to the lowest responsible bidder as certified by the Human Rights Commission.

RES. NO. 0003-033

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the construction of a new meerkat/prairie dog exhibit at the Children's Zoo.

RES. NO. 0003-034

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of contract to Maggiora Bros. Drilling Inc. in the amount of \$369,665.00 to drill three replacement water wells in Golden Gate Park.

RES. NO. 0003-035

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a consulting group as the strategic planning consultant team and authorize staff to negotiate a contract with the selected group.

RES. NO. 0003-036

RESOLVED, That this Commission does urge the Mayor to submit the fee increase of the parking lot rental fees charged to car clubs and automobile car show companies to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.

RES. NO. 0003-037

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an overnight ski trip for 30 children from J.P. Murphy and West Sunset Playgrounds, April 1-2, 2000 at Sierra-At-Tahoe Ski Resort.

RES. NO. 0003-038

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Public Utilities Commission to locate a monitoring station on the Visitation Valley Reis Tract between Tucker and Tioga Avenues.

RES. NO. 0003-039

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the 2000-01 Five-year Open Space Plan.

RES. NO. 0003-040

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual fence design for Fay Park. The proposed fence improvement project includes the replacement linear feet of fence along the east property line of park.

RES. NO. 0003-041

RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept a gift-in-place from the Norwegian Consul General's Office for an artistic information plaque added to the existing bust of Roald Amundsen.

RES. NO. 0003-042

GENERAL CALENDAR

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT -APPROVAL OF ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION OVERNIGHT BACKPACKING TRIP FOR 8-10 DEAF TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS TO POINT REYES, APRIL 17-19

Ben Oude Kamphuis presented this item to the Commission. He stated that Project Insight had received approval from the Commission for backpacking trips to Big Basin and Point Reyes. Project Insight was requesting approval this year for a backpacking trip to Point Reyes for 8-10 deaf teenagers and young adults from April 17-19, 2000.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Murray, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an Assisted Recreation Division overnight backpacking trip for 8-10 Deaf teenagers and young adults to Point Reyes, April 17-19, 2000. **RES. NO. 0003-043**

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT -APPROVAL OF ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION PROJECT INSIGHT OVERNIGHT/CAMPING TRIP FOR 8-10 TEENS, WHO ARE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED, TO BIG BASIN STATE PARK, APRIL 19-21

Ben Oude Kamphuis presented this item to the Commission. He stated that Project Insight's program for children who are Blind and Visually Impaired was conducted in collaboration with the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Staff requested approval for a backpacking/overnight trip for 8-10 teens who are Blind and Visually Impaired, to Big Basin State Park, April 19-21, 2000.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Chin, seconded and carried the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an Assisted Recreation Division Project Insight overnight/camping trip for 8-10 teens, who are Blind and Visually Impaired, to Big Basin State Park, April 19-21, 2000. **RES.NO. 0003-044**

GOLDEN GATE PARK CARROUSEL AND FOOD CONCESSION LEASE - AUTHORIZATION FOR STAFF TO COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH A SELECTED OPERATOR

Chris Mack and Jaci Fong presented this item to the Commission. Chris stated that the current Lessees, Ben Yamane and Shizuko Yamane, had been operating the Snack Bar/Carrousel Ticket Concession since August 26, 1992, and have continued on a month-to-month basis since September 30, 1998 when the lease expired. During the last fiscal year of operation (98/99) the revenue to the Department was \$69,828. Chris gave the background of the Request for Proposal process and then stated that the RFP was developed with the following objectives in mind:

- 1) To provide for the ongoing maintenance of the Carrousel, thereby preserving the Carrousel for the use and enjoyment of future generations of San Franciscans.
- 2) To revitalize the area through improved programming offered by a concessionaire (i.e. free special events and activities for the Public) in the Carrousel and Farmhouse areas.
- 3) To have the Carrousel Concession become a financially self-sustaining operation.

Jaci Fong stated the criteria for scoring – 1) Qualifications and Experience, 2) Comprehensiveness, Soundness, Feasibility, Creativity and Innovation of Overall Proposal for Concession Operations and Services and 3) Proposed Rent. She then reviewed in detail the recommendation of staff – the proposal of Susan Mallen and Greg Stechschulte. Chris Mack then went through each of the criteria and the ratings.

Peter Ashe stated that he was there to caution the Commission that making a decision, relying on the staff report he believed was tragically flawed was a breach of public trust. He recommended that the item go back to the Finance Committee and let the three bidders make presentations. He then went through his concerns. Kevin Schwabe, representing City Carts, went through the history of the company and explained why he felt the report was flawed. He also stated that he believed City Carts was the most qualified company.

Susan Mallen and Greg Stechschulte stated that the proposal was put together through a vision/image of what they wanted the Carrousel to look like. In addition they went through the financials. Ernestine Weiss commented on having an information kiosk in Golden Gate Park letting people know where the carrousel was located.

After a detailed discussion and questions of the Commission, upon motion duly made by Commissioner Murray, seconded, and carried the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve an operator to manage and operate the Golden Gate Park Carrousel and Food Concession, and to authorize staff to commence negotiations with the selected operator contingent upon an amendment that requires a review of the performance of the selected operator, after the first and second year particularly in the financial area. If the level of activity is not consistent with the proposal, the Commission can cancel the lease and go back out to bid.

RES. NO. 0003-045

HUNTINGTON PARK – WEBBY AWARDS APPROVAL OF PLAN TO NOTICE NEIGHBORS IN THE HUNTINGTON PARK AREA IN REGARD TO MAY 11-12, 2000 EVENT AND MAY 8-13, 2000 CLOSURE

Sandy Lee made a brief presentation to the Commission and then introduced John Caron and Richard Marks from the Webby Awards who explained their plans to notice the neighbors and users of Huntington Park.

After discussion and questions of the Commission, on motion duly made by Commissioner Murray, seconded and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve a plan to notice neighbors in the Huntington Park area in regard to the May 11-12, 2000 event and May 8-13, 2000 closure at Huntington Park.

RES. NO. 0003-046

DEGAUSSING STATION -APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE MARINA GREEN DEGAUSSING STATION FROM THE U.S. NAVY

This item is taken off calendar

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ernestine Weiss spoke on the mitigation of skateboarders using the new concrete barriers behind the new Justin Herman Plaza Bandstand and requested that the benches be put up. Michael Smith, with Advocates for a safe Golden Gate Park spoke on their efforts to close Golden Gate Park on Saturdays. Reola Freeman pointed out a mistake in the General Manager's spoke of a tournament in April.

COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

ADJOURNMENT

The 751st Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Secretary

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

752nd Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 20, 2000 - 2:00 p.m.

The 752nd Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 20, 2000 at 2:19 p.m. by President Gordon Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Gordon Chin, President
John W. Murray, Vice President
Yvette Flunder
Gene Friend
Jim Salinas, Sr.
Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:

William Getty

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President Chin announced that the Commission would adjourn into closed session at 3:30p.m.

GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

New Plaque for Amundsen Statue in GGPark

Nearly a century ago, Norwegian polar explorer Roald Amundsen made the pioneer voyage of navigating the Arctic's Northwest Passage in a 69-foot converted fishing sloop. He landed in Point Bonita outside the Golden Gate in 1906, and a 12-foot monument was later erected in his honor at the West End of Golden Gate Park in 1930.

Now, through the combined efforts of community activists, the San Francisco Arts Commission, the Norwegian Consul General, and the Recreation and Park Department, a new bronze plaque will be installed in Amundsen's honor on April 14. The plaque is engraved with a map charting his historic voyage and details his achievements and significance to San Francisco.

Bond Sales

I am delighted to report that our staff has been continuing its work of preparing for the sale of bonds resulting from the passage of Propositions A and C. We are working toward the first round of bond sales in May, with a second round to follow this fall. This is much earlier than originally planned, and it's possible that the City can begin to see funds from these sales—up to \$12 million—as early as August.

Conservatory Celebration on May 15

Friends of Recreation and Parks will host a groundbreaking ceremony and party at 11 a.m. on May 15, celebrating the first phase of restoration at the Conservatory of Flowers. Over 250 guests, including Mayor Willie Brown Jr., Donna Ernstson, and several dignitaries and donors to the Campaign, will be on hand to enjoy a luncheon by the historic building.

Strategic Planning for Recreational Services

On March 21, 2000, Mickey Fearn of SNAPSE, Inc., conducted a 3-hour informational meeting and tour with stakeholders, staff and consultants. The day proved to be well spent. The purpose was to begin dialogue on what they felt a recreation center should provide via programs and services and how the facilities should look. Additionally, discussion was held on what defines an outstanding director. It is the goal of this administration to insure that the designs of the facilities and services are driven by the needs of the community.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, May 2, 2000	Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee 2:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, May 3, 2000	Joint Zoo Committee 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 4, 2000	Finance and Administration Committee 3:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Monday, May 29, 2000	Memorial Day Observed

CONSENT CALENDAR

Emeric Kalman spoke on the Golden Gate Yacht Club membership fee increase. He stated that the members of the club did not know of the increase and requested this item be returned to committee to be heard again.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Salinas, Sr.**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2000. **RES. NO. 0004-047**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept a gift-in-place valued at \$21,000.00 for improvements to the Holocaust Memorial. **RES. NO. 0004-048**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve placement of a security fence along Buchanan Street and at the Page Street entrance and to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept a gift-in-place of decorative metal fencing valued at \$200,000.00 from the San Francisco Foundation, a non-profit organization. **RES. NO. 0004-049**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Koshland Park closure from sunset to sunrise. **RES. NO. 0004-050**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept a gift-in-place of play structures valued at \$32,000.00 from the Friends of Duboce Park, a non-profit organization. **RES. NO. 0004-051**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the request by the Golden Gate Yacht Club to increase its membership fees. **RES. NO. 0004-052**

RESOLVED. That this Commission approve the list of projects to be included in the first Neighborhood Park Bond sale in May 2000. **RES. NO. 0004-053**

RESOLVED , That this Commission does approve an overnight trip for the Tenderloin Children's Playground, for 40 teens ages 12-18 to Disneyland in Anaheim, CA , May 19-21, 2000. **RES. NO. 0004-054**

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve the Assisted Recreation Division's Project Insight overnight trip for 12 teens, who are blind or visually impaired, to Camp Mather July 31 – August 5, 2000. **RES. NO. 0004-055**

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve the Assisted Recreation Division's Project Insight overnight trip for 15 Deaf teens, ages 14-18, to Camp Mather August 14 –19, 2000. **RES. NO. 0004-056**

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve Argonne Playground for youth, teens and families to Indian Creek Springs, CA from August 3 – 6, 2000. **RES. NO. 0004-057**

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve the renovation of Crocker Amazon Diamonds #2, #3 and outfield area and recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept a gift-in-place from the Giants Community Fund and the Good Tidings Foundation. **RES. NO. 0004-058**

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve the installation of a plaque in the Japanese Tea Garden honoring the contributions of Shinshichi Nakatani for constructing the original Drum Bridge of the Japanese Village for the Midwinter Fair of 1894. **RES. NO. 0004-059**

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve the West Portal entrance in the DeLaveaga Dell/National AIDS Memorial Grove. **RES. NO. 0004-060**

RESOLVED. That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors acceptance of an easement offered by Miyako Mall Inc. to provide disabled access to the Japantown Peace Plaza. **RES. NO. 0004-061**

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve MECA's request to produce the " Cinco de Mayo Celebration", a one day gated event at Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza on Sunday, May 7, 2000 with alcohol (beer and wine) consumption and sales. **RES. NO. 0004-062**

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve the closing of Martin Luther King Drive from Transverse to John F. Kennedy Drive on Sunday, July 16, 2000 during the Aids Walk San Francisco. **RES. NO. 0004-063**

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve Terry Pimsleur & Company's request to produce "A Festival of the Culinary Arts" at Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza, with sales and consumption of beer and wine on September 30 and October 1, 2000. This is a free two-day event open to the public with no entry fees. **RES. NO. 0004-064**

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve the conceptual improvement plan for the renovation of the east end of Golden Gate Park between Stanyan Street and Kezar Drive. The conceptual plan was found to be categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines, Classes 1, 4 and 23.

An "Imaginative" children's play area is proposed to be designated as a "Play Area Zone". The physical area defining this zone includes; a 50' wide by 200' long zone immediately west of the main pedestrian promenade starting at the Page Street entrance moving north; and an area 20' wide by 200' long running east along the pedestrian/bike path starting at the intersection of the Page Street entrance and the pedestrian promenade. **RES. NO. 0004-065**

GENERAL CALENDAR

MARINA GREEN DEGAUSSING STATION - APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE MARINA GREEN DEGAUSSING STATION FROM THE U.S. NAVY

Mike Morlin, Assistant Superintendent, presented this item to the Commission. The U.S. Navy has had a revocable permit to operate a Degaussing Station at the Marina Green since 1951. After the initial permit of 1951, the Navy continued to operate the station under a series of five year revocable permits through January, 1991.

The Navy no longer needs the Degaussing Station. Under terms of the original permit, the navy is required to return the property as nearly as practicable to its original condition, if so requested by the Recreation and Park Commission. In 1995, former General Manager Mary Burns wrote the Navy expressing the Department's desire to have the building. Acting General Manager Joel Robinson has also stated that the Department would like to have the building. Supports of the Commission accepting the building are the GGNRA believes the building should be assessed for eligibility to the national Registry of Historic Places), the San Francisco Architectural Heritage recommends adaptive use of the structure, the U.S. Navy.

The Planning Department has determined that the structure is not subject to the City's General Plan referral and categorically exempt for environmental review. It is the staff recommendation to approve the permit and accept the building in its current condition.

Joan Girardot spoke in opposition to this item. She stated that the staff write up did not list all of the opposition and made the Commission aware of additional opposition. She also cited the letter from General Crowley dated 1998 which stated that "the most important uses of the shoreline should be those providing substantial long term benefits that cannot not be provided on other sites in the City."

Sue Chang requested that the land be returned to open space. She stated that the Commission should have in writing what the department would like to do with it before accepting the building.

Charles Strang spoke in opposition and stated that the neighbors are concerned about the open space. He was concerned that in the absence of a specific plan for the building that the Department may use it for something that the neighbors would not like. He also stated his concern that if it is converted to a habitual use that would involve ramps, access, renovations, and possibly lights.

Emeric Kalman stated that the building had never been used for any civilian purpose, obstructs the view and that the Department had five to six years to come up with a use plan. He questioned what the use would be for the building, who was going to pay for it and why this has become a political football. He stated that he believed staff had used the building for breaks

Phil Carlton spoke in opposition to the item. He did not believe that the Recreation and Park Department should be taking over new buildings for office space and cited the log cabin as an example. He would like to see the land returned to open space.

Courtney Clarkson spoke in support of the item. She stated that in the area between the Golden Gate Bridge and Aquatic park – about four miles of open space – this is a small building. She gave suggestions for the use of the building and offered to work with the Department to find a low impact use for the building.

Les Goldner spoke in support of the item. He stated that the building had been there for a long time and no one had complained about the building. He suggested that it could be used for the harbor tenants. He also stated that it was of historical interest.

At the request of the Commission **Lt. Commander Mike Gough** with the Navy spoke on the amount of funding needed to demolish the Degaussing Station – less than \$30,000.00

After a detailed discussion of the Commission, on motion of **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that this Commission adopts and incorporates by reference herein the findings of the Planning Department with respect to the exemption from environmental review; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Park Commission does hereby approve the Agreement for Release from Conditions of Revocable Permit Noy(R) - 47529, Marina Degaussing Station with staff to report back to the Commission within four months with a recommended use. **RES. NO. 0004-066**

*Chin, Murray, Flunder, Friend, Salinas: Aye
Newhouse Segal: Nay*

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT - APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO FISCAL YEAR 2000-01 BUDGET REQUEST

Deborah Learner, Park Planner presented this item to the Commission. On January 20, 2000 the Commission approved a fiscal Year 2000-01 budget request that included four major fund groups: General Fund, Marina Fund, open Space Fund and Bond Funds. In addition to the original request for the 1992 Golden Gate Park Bond and the 2000 Park Bond, staff recommends that the FY 2000-01 budget request include a 1987 Park Bond interest earning appropriation to complete the program of park improvements funded through the 1987 Park Bond. The total amount is for \$1,000,000.00.

On motion of **Commissioner Flunder**, duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2000-01 Budget Request. **RES. NO. 0004-067**

GOLDEN GATE PARK - APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR RENOVATION OF JFK DRIVE/KEZAR DRIVE INTERSECTION

This item was presented by Deborah Learner. Within the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, there are adopted traffic-calming measures designed to reduce traffic speeds within the park. One of the measures is the creation of a "T" intersection at the junction of JFK Drive and Kezar Drive. The proposed intersection modification would reduce traffic speed and remove a large area of unnecessary asphalt roadway pavement and recover the area with landscaped parkland.

After detailed discussion of the Commission the following members of the public spoke:

Chris Duderstadt spoke of his concerns on the work already done on the intersection – added concrete crossways not accessible by bicycle. He also stated that the only place to find the bicycle path a bicyclist would have to step down (approximately two feet) to look at it. He suggested that the Department plan consciously before making changes.

Phil Carlton thanked Deborah Learner for the public meetings and urged the Commission to approve this item. He also suggested that the Commission may not want to put bumps in the median as bicyclists at night may be thrown into a traffic lane and encouraged the Department to contact the Police Department and request that they station a radar station at the entrance to the park.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray**, duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission adopt and incorporates by reference herein the findings set forth in Motion No. 9810-141; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED. That this Commission finds that since the approval of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, there have been no changes to the project or circumstances surrounding the project that would lead to new or substantially more severe significant environmental effects not already discussed in the EIP, and that there is no new information available that shows there are more severe or new significant environmental effects or new or more feasible mitigation measures or alternatives not already discussed in the EIR; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED. That this Commission hereby approve the conceptual improvement plan for the renovation of the intersection of Kezar and John F. Kennedy Drives. **RES. NO. 0004-068**

GOLDEN GATE PARK - APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO CLOSE WALLER STREET BETWEEN KEZAR DRIVE AND STANYAN STREET

On motion of **Commissioner Murray**, duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED. That this Commission adopts and incorporates by reference herein the findings set forth in Motion No. 9810-141; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED. That this Commission finds that since the approval of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, there have been no changes to the project or circumstances surrounding the project that would lead to new or substantially more severe significant environmental effects not already discussed in the EIR, and that there is no new information available that shows there are more severe or new significant environmental effects or new or more feasible mitigation measures or alternatives not already discussed in the EIR; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED. That this Commission hereby approves the conceptual landscape improvement plan to close Waller Street between Kezar Drive and Stanyan Street. **RES. NO. 0004-069**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CLOSED SESSION

John Laskin stated he had heard there were qualifications put into the Charter in regard to the position of General Manager. He believed there should not have been requirements spelled out for the job and that an ideal man for the job would be a retired military officer or a general contractor. He stated that he believed there had already been someone appointed for the position.

Phil Carlton spoke of his strong support of Joel Robinson and requested that as the Commission consider filling the position they look for someone as open as Joel was.

The Commission adjourned into closed session at 3:45 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Commission returned to open session at 4:15 p.m.

On motion of **Commissioner Salinas, Sr.**, duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED. That this Commission elects not to disclose any or all discussions held in closed session.

SAN FRANCISCO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION L.P. (GIANTS) - RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF REVOCABLE PERMIT TO ALLOW GIANTS TO USE PORTIONS OF 3COM PARK FOR OFFICE AND WAREHOUSE SPACE

Commissioner Salinas explained his reason for pulling this item off of the Consent Calendar in that he was concerned that the Commission was approving this retroactively. Jaci Fong apologized to the Commission, explained why the delay and stated that the Giants would be out of 3Com in May 2000.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray**, duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a revocable permit with San Francisco Baseball Associates, L.P. (Giants) to allow the Giants to continue to use portions of 3Com Park for office and warehouse space. **RES. NO. 0004-070**

PUBLIC COMMENT

The 752nd meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission adjourned at 4:39 p.m. due to lack of a quorum.

John Laskin requested information of the City Attorney in regard to the Master Plan.

Ernestine Weiss requested a portable restroom for Jefferson Square Park and requested that the Department find a way of stopping bicyclists from using the bandstand and the ramps.

Joan Girardot asked through the Chair for a copy of the audio tape of the meeting and requested back the copies of packets she handed to the commissioners.

Emeric Kalman stated that the earlier comments he made in regard to the Golden Gate Yacht Club was because they owed the City money. He stated again that the members did not know of the increase. He also stated that in regard to the Degaussing Station he believed it was professional misconduct and that he would bring this to the proper entity. He also discussed the new Sunshine Ordinance.

Phillip Carlton spoke of a problem with the keeper at the Bison Paddock and requested assistance.

Chris Duderstadt read into the minutes the attached letter.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Secretary

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

753rd Regular Meeting
Thursday May 18, 2000 - 2:00 p.m.

The 753rd Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, May 18, 2000 at 2:17 p.m. by President Gordon Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Gordon Chin, President

John W. Murray, Vice President

Eugene Friend

Jim Salinas, Sr.

Lynne Newhouse Segal

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Absent:

Yvette Flunder

William Getty

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Chin thanked Joel Robinson and welcomed Elizabeth Goldstein as the incoming General Manager. He then read a resolution from the Commission to Joel – commending him for tireless efforts and outstanding performance. Other members of the Commission then thanked Joel and complimented him on a job well done. Donna Ernstson from the Friends of Recreation and Parks announced that the board of directors passed two resolutions – one for Joel Robinson and one for Audree Jones-Taylor. She also announced that a memorial bench would be placed in Oceanview for Joel and one in Boeddecker Park for Audree. Isabel Wade on behalf of the Neighborhood Parks Council thanked Joel for a job well done, his open door policy and presented Joel with a certificate. Emeric Kalman thanked Joel for all his efforts and help. Pinkey Kuschner spoke on behalf of the Inner Sunset Park Neighbors for his assistance with their cleanup at 5th and Lincoln and on behalf of the Alliance for Golden Gate Park that conducted a slowdown in Golden Gate Park. Reola Friedman thanked Joel for his efforts with the First Tee program. Ernestine Weiss commended Joel for his job as General Manager and wished him the best of everything. Phillip Carlton thanked Joel for all the help he gave with the buffalo in Golden Gate Park and wished him the best. The Commission then presented the Commission Resolution and a retirement gift to Joel. President Chin asked Elizabeth Goldstein to come to the podium and on behalf of the Commission announced that they very much look forward to working with her. She then added her words of appreciation to Joel Robinson, for his efforts, graciousness, open door policy, relationships with the community and his words of advice to her. Joel then thanked the Commission for their support and help and the opportunity to service the City, Commission and Department. He also congratulated Elizabeth and offered his support to her. He then thanked several staff for all of their efforts and hard work throughout his tenure.

President Chin announced that Item 9 was removed from calendar.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Joel Robinson Resigns

After 28 years with the Recreation and Park Department, it is with mixed emotions that I have resigned effective May 31, 2000. Having worked in many different facets of the Department over the years, I can honestly say that the last four have been the most challenging. The Department has made great progress during my tenure and I wish you all great success.

Panhandle Dedication

On May 1, 2000 Mayor Willie Brown came out to the "Saturn" playground in the panhandle for the long awaited dedication of the renovated area. Audree Jones-Taylor and Dan McKenna from the Department joined him. The Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Coalition hosted the event. Nearly 75 children from the nearby Diablo Elementary School attended the event. This was the youths annual spring celebration, so they were more than ready to inaugurate the newly renovated play area.

Leaping Lizards in the Conservatory of Flowers

On April 27, 2000 we released four dozen geckos in the Conservatory of Flowers. The geckos are part of the Integrated Pest Management plan presently in use at the Conservatory. Their release was due to recent discussions between members of Friends of Recreation & Parks board of directors and George Marcopulos about the need to control plant-eating roaches. Geckos are a natural predator of the cockroaches and seemed a perfect solution. Friends donated the geckos and coordinated their release with a press event.

Conservatory Groundbreaking Ceremony

On Monday, May 15, 2000 Friends of Recreation & Parks celebrated the groundbreaking for Phase I of the Conservatory restoration project. The event was well attended by donors and members of the public. Assemblyman Kevin Shelly was on hand to remove the first piece of the structure to be archived and analyzed. Phase I is expected to be finished by the end of 2000. At which point decisions will be made about what methods and what materials will be used to rebuild the 120-year old Conservatory in order to last another 100 years.

Spring Swing Jr. Open Tournament

Several young golfers from Crocker Amazon and Miraloma Playgrounds participated in the Spring Swing Jr. Open tournament held at Sharp Park Golf Course on April 20. It was for many of the children their first time playing on a full 18 hole golf course.

Rites of Passage Program

Several young men from Ocean View Recreation Center and from Hunter's Point participated in the Rites of Passage Program for boy's ages 11 to 15 years old. With the help of professional muralists, the boys worked on projects that contained important aspects of their lives. The completed murals were taken to Hayes Valley Playground for a viewing ceremony on April 27, and will be on permanent display at the sites where they were created.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, June 6, 2000
Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee
2:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge

Wednesday, June 7, 2000
Joint Zoo Committee 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 1, 2000
Finance and Administration Committee
3:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Newhouse Segal requested that item 4F be removed from the consent calendar and discussed as a separate item.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Salinas**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2000. **RES. NO. 0005-071**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. **RES. NO. 0005-072**

Sale To

Bronx Zoo	Two male snowy owls
2300 Southern Blvd.	\$500/for the two
Bronx, NY 10460-1099	USDA: 85-C-0001

Purchase From

Miami Metrozoo	One male Indian muntjac
12400 SW 152 nd St.	\$600.00
Mtami, FL 33177	USDA: 58-C-0006

Kangaroo Conservation	One female dik-dik
222 Bailey-Waters Rd.	\$1,750.00
Dawsonville, GA 30534	USDA # 57-A-0054

National Zoological Park	6 unknown sex silver-beaked
3001 Connecticut Ave., NW	tanagers (birds)
Washington, DC 20008-2598	Purchase \$450.00

Donation From

Coyote Point Museum	One unknown sex W. screech owl
1651 Coyote Point Dr.	Donation From
San Mateo, CA 94401-1097	

Donation To

Big Game Alaska	One male Greenland Musk Ox
PO Box 949	Donation To
Portage Glacier, Alaska 99587	

Knoxville Zoo	One female snow leopard
Box 6040	Donation To
Knoxville, TN 37914	USDA: 63-C-0001
Wildlife World Zoo	One male wild dog
Northern Ave. at State Rt. 303	Loan termination - donation
Litchfield, AZ 85340-9466	USDA: 86-C-0022

Steinhart Aquarium	One male Mississippi Map Turtles
Golden Gate Park	Donation To
San Francisco, CA 94132	

RESOLVED. That this Commission does accept a log mill and kiln for six months from the California Department of Forestry valued at \$1,750.00 for the Department's green waste recycling program.

RES. NO. 0005-073

RESOLVED. That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors accepts from the Friends of Recreation and Parks a 1998 Used 15 Passenger, E-Ford 350 Silver Van valued at \$22,000.00.

RES. NO. 0005-074

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve the request for a sleep over at the Louis Sutter Roundhouse, June 10, 2000, 4:00 p.m. to June 11, 2000 9:00 a.m., for 10 youth ages 11 to 14.

RES. NO. 0005-075

GENERAL CALENDAR

LINCOLN PARK – APPROVAL OF THE PLACEMENT OF A METAL SCULPTURE AT THE CALIFORNIA PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR

Deborah Learner presented this item to the Commission. She stated that this was a request from the Fine Arts Museums to locate a sculpture piece in the front of the Legion of Honor. The sculpture has been located in the location requested for a number of months. She also clarified that in no way would the property itself be transferred to the Fine Arts Museums, but be retained by the Recreation and Park Department with permission for the Fine Arts Museums to locate the piece there.

Michael Nurre spoke against the placement of the sculpture. He questioned what the guidelines were, was concerned that kids would climb on it and the impact of the planting in the area. **Susan Pontious** from the Arts Commission stated that the Commission strongly supported the placement of the sculpture at the Legion of Honor. **John Laskin** stated that he hoped the Commission was familiar with the statue before approving it and didn't believe the Commission should be influenced by the Art Commission's approval.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded and unanimously carried the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0005-076

RESOLVED. That this Commission hereby permits the long term installation by the Fine Arts Museum of a Mark D Suvero sculpture titled "Pax Jerusalem" on the sculpture pad in the parking terrace outside the California Palace of the Legion of Honor. This grant of permission to install the sculpture does not effect the transfer of jurisdiction over any land in the parking area to the Fine Arts Museum and does not constitute a set aside of land pursuant to Charter Section 5.05.

Commissioner Newhouse Segal then introduced the artist.

PERMITS AND RESERVATIONS - APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF CONSULATE GENERAL OF RUSSIAN FEDERATION FOR BEER SAMPLING AT "DAYS OF RUSSIA CELEBRATION AT UNION SQUARE" ON JUNE 10, 2000

Sandy Lee presented this item to the Commission. The days of Russia Celebration is presented by the Consulate General of the Russian Federation in San Francisco, the Mayor's Office of Protocol, the City and County of San Francisco and the Russian Center of San Francisco. Entertainment will include vocal, musical and dance performances by several local Russian folk groups and singers as well as a special guest from Russia. Approximately 2,000 - 3,000 people are expected to attend this event.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Salinas** and seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0005-077

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve the Consulate General of the Russian Federation's request for "Beer Sampling" at the "Days of Russia Festival" at Union Square on June 10, 2000 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PERMITS AND RESERVATIONS - APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM BEAULIEU VINEYARDS FOR "PAID WINE SAMPLING" AT THE "GRAPE STOMP ON UNION SQUARE" SEPTEMBER 16, 2000.

Sandy Lee presented this item to the Commission. She stated that this was a request from Beaulieu Vineyard to hold a Grape Stomp. It is a fundraiser and the contestants are merchants from the Union Square area, possibly some celebrities or politicians. There will also be a sampling of wine.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Salinas**, seconded and unanimously carried the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0005-078

RESOLVED, That this Commission approve a request from Beaulieu Vineyard for "Paid Wine Sampling" for the "Grape Stomp on the Square", September 16, 2000 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

PERMITS AND RESERVATIONS - APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM SAN FRANCISCO HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR "THE FIRST ANNUAL SFHCC EDUCATION FUND CONCERT" AT LA RAZA PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2000 AND APPROVAL OF AMPLIFIED SOUND ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2000 FROM 1:00 TO 6:00 P.M.

Sandy Lee presented this item to this Commission. This will be the first annual SFHCC Education Fund Concert. This fund has been established to pay one-year's worth of college tuition for a Latino Student located in the San Francisco Bay Area. The San Francisco Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is committed to the promotion of education and this is their first initial step to demonstrate this. The Concert Festival embraces a culture of food, entertainment, arts and crafts and fun that will be enjoyed by all. It is a free, family event. The San Francisco Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is honored to present MALO, Mystique and Kool Kat. Approximately 5,000 people are expected to attend this event.

Marc Lopez-Fuentes with the San Francisco Hispanic Chamber of Commerce answered questions of the Commission.

On motion duly made by **Commission Salinas**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0005-079

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a request from the San Francisco Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to produce "The First Annual SFHCC Education Fund Concert" at La Raza Park on Saturday, June 24, 2000 and approval of amplified sound on Saturday, June 24, 2000 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. This is a free concert open to the general public.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT - APPROVAL OF CAPITAL PLAN

Elizabeth Goldstein presented this item to the Commission. She gave a background of the public process to date, discussed the efforts to incorporate all of the public comments received and tried to accommodate all of their concerns. She explained that the document presented to the Commission today attempted to include all the public comments and the staff had taken the phased plan and spread it into a 10-year plan. She also stated that in order to execute the plan the Department needed to staff up. The plan is essentially a phasing in plan in that it prioritizes projects into the various years of the plan. It is not a scope of work for each one of the projects. No matter what year a project is listed in the plan, there will be a thorough community process to develop a scope of work and budget for that project. She then relayed to the Commission comments from the public who were not able to attend the meeting today.

Michael Nurre relayed his concerns of road closures in Golden Gate Park. Pinky Kushner stated that under the Golden Gate Park issues each item has a budget amount listed and a source of funds identified. Some items did not have the funds identified and she questioned where the money come from? She also had concerns about the road closures. Ron Dudum commented that the Sunset is underserved in the Capital plan - of the 66 short term projects in the first year there were none in the Sunset. Of the 30 long term projects listed in year one, two were in Sunset. He felt that this part of San Francisco was consistently ignored. Miriam Moss, member of the Glen Park Advisory Committee stated her concerns of being in year four. She asked what criteria was used to make the decisions. Andrea O'Leary with the Sunnyside Park

Families and Neighbors stated that they needed short term solutions for their park. She stated that they did request to be put into year one for a short term product. **Emeric Kalman** asked if the Commission had the financial component of the Capital Plan. He stated that the plan was nothing more than a wish list. He asked that it be put over as the Capital Plan was not ready to be approved. **Carolyn Blair**, executive director of the Tree Council expressed concern of the proposed removal of trees on Tank Hill and hoped that in the Capital plan money would not be used to remove mature healthy trees. **Dick Allen** stated that he was there to call the Commission's attention to the Sava Pool Project and thanked the staff for all of their help with the project. **Philip Carlton** stated that he had not received a copy of the Capital Plan and requested that he be on the mailing list in the future. He also requested an accounting of the 1992, \$76 million bond measure and requested that both irrigation and ADA accessibility be included in the Bison Paddock. **John Laksin** spoke on the 7th Avenue closure and that those people who should be considered on this subject are those people who use Big Rec and those people who have donated to the maintenance of Big Rec. **Jeanne Darrah** of Precita Valley Neighbors stated that she supported the Capital Plan and asked the Commission to approve it. **Ernestine Weiss** stated that she was disappointed that there was not a financial breakdown on the Capital Plan. She also asked why there were no signs in Golden Gate Park. She also requested help on 202-203 and the street planned on going through the park.

After detailed discussion and questions by the Commission, on motion duly made by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded and unanimously carried the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0005-080

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Recreation and Park Department's final Capital Plan.

LINCOLN PARK - APPROVAL OF REVOCABLE PERMIT

This item was removed from calendar.

At this point in the meeting the audio equipment was not functioning.

LESSING AND SEARS STREET MINI PARK - APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

Bob McDonald presented this item to the Commission. In 1994 the Recreation and Park Department designated a .05 acre vacant lot adjoining the Lessing and Sears Mini Park as a Potential acquisition site, with the intention of someday incorporating the parcel into the park. Funding was recommended by the Open Space Advisory Committee and approved by the General Manager for the purchase of the site and the Department acquire the parcel in 1998. Since acquisition the newly acquire lot has remained fenced and locked. In 1999 the OSAC allocated seed monies to initiate a community planning process in order to develop a comprehensive plan for the park and its new parcel.

Last fall and winter the Department held a series of community meetings at Lessing and Sears Mini Park with the surrounding residents, neighborhood groups and various City department representative. Based on input and feedback from the participants a conceptual plan was developed.

Jamie Padover representing the local residents spoke in support of the conceptual plan. Steve Currier representing the Outer Mission Residents Association also spoke in support of this plan.

On motion duly made by Commission Salinas, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0005-081

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual improvement plan to expand and renovate Lessing and Sears Street Mini Park.

BROOKS PARK - DISCUSSION ONLY OF DESIGNATION AND ACQUISITION OF TWO PARCELS

Bob McDonald presented this item to the Commission. Included in the FY 2000-01 General Manager's Report is a request to designate and acquire two vacant lots to include with the Brooks Park natural area. The request was brought before the Open Space Advisory Committee by the Oceanview, Mission and Ingleside Neighborhood Association after plan had been submitted to develop both sites with housing. The Open Space Advisory Committee supported \$125,000 in funding in the hopes of securing \$120,000 in matching funds from Emerald Fund, a private developer in the community.

Staff believes that this item may be controversial in nature and felt that an update on this item would be helpful prior to the joint meeting with the Recreation and Park and Planning Commissions, scheduled for May 25, 2000. The community is concerned that pending building permits will be issued prior to obtaining full funding for one or more of the parcels. There have been conversations with the property owner and his representative and staff believes that a compromise may be worked out in that the owner would be willing to sell one of his lots for open space.

John Laskin spoke in opposition to this item. **Daniel Weaver** on behalf of the neighborhood spoke in support of purchasing these lots. **Walter Wong** representing Chung Kit Chan, the property owner, stated that they were having conversations with the Department to try and reach an agreement.

President Chin directed staff to continue working with the property owner to reach an agreement before the Open Space meeting of May 25, 2000.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Mills representing Action for Animals, Virginia Handley representing The Fund for Animals and Richard Schulke with the San Francisco Animal Control and Welfare Commission all spoke in opposition of the upcoming rodeo that had been permitted for June 10, 2000 in Golden Gate Park. They brought up concerns that there had not been a public hearing on this item and Richard additionally addressed the Commission the lack of a designee or the general manager's involvement. Carolyn Blair spoke on the extension of Davis St. and lots 202-203. Philip Carlton spoke on the bison paddock and problems still occurring there. Andrea O'Leary asked when the Commission would hear the Off-Leash Dog Task Force Report and Recommendations.

The 753rd Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

755th Regular Meeting
Thursday July 20, 2000 - 2:00 p.m.

The 755th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, July 20, 2000 at 2:12 p.m. by President Gordon Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Gordon Chin, President
John W. Murray, Vice President
Eugene Friend
Jim Salinas, Sr.
Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:

Bill Getty

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President Gordon Chin congratulated Donna Ernston on her recent marriage.

GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

Department staff are working with the Dolores Park, Upper Noe and Eureka Valley communities related to off-leash dog issues. We are implementing pilot off-leash sites at Upper Noe and Eureka Valley for 90 days, at the end of which time the issue will be presented to the Commission for discussion and possible permanent implementation. A Dolores Park working committee is still developing a proposal for presentation to the community as a whole.

The Department's Junior Golf Program "Meeting the Greens" will be implementing a fall program that specifically addresses golf course etiquette, basic rules of the game and fundamental techniques for driving, pitching and putting. The program will be offered to all youth currently participating in the Meeting the Greens program and will be taught by Ms. Reola Freeman and Mr. Joe Roberts. This program will greatly enhance our junior golfers abilities and allow them to confidently participate in junior golf events.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, August 1, 2000

Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee
2:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge

Wednesday, August 2, 2000

Joint Zoo Committee 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 3, 2000

Finance and Administration Committee
3:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge

Elizabeth Goldstein gave a legislative update. She stated that no actions concerning Recreation and Park had occurred except related to the budget. Mary King Gowrky gave a status on the budget and the actions that had taken place at the Board of Supervisors.

President Chin stated that the management structure of the capital program what the implications are going forward.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Salinas**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 2000 as amended. **RES. NO. 0007-093**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. **RES. NO. 0007-094**

Purchase

Daryl Hogue 7525 W. 19 th Portage Glacier, Alaska 99587	3 male and 8 female prairie dogs Purchase \$500.00/group
Animal Connection 2550 Judah San Francisco, CA	7 male Budgerigar Purchase \$138.16
Animal Connection 2550 Judah San Francisco, CA	2 male Guinea Pigs Purchase \$34.54
Animal Connection 2550 Judah San Francisco, CA	1 male Guinea Pig Purchase \$17.27
Hillsdale Pet Center San Mateo, CA	1 female Dwarf Netherland Rabbit 1 male 2 female mini Lop-eared Rabbit Purchase \$155.84
Sacramento Zoo 3930 W. Land Park Dr. Sacramento, CA 94822-1123	1 male Crested Screamer Purchase \$100.00 USDA # 93-C-0008

Donation From

Charles Paddock Zoo 9305 Pismo Ave. Atascadero, CA 93422	3 male opossum Donation USDA # 93-C-0024
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RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Assisted Recreation Division's Project Insight overnight camping trip for 8-10 teens, who are blind and visually impaired, to Enchanted Hills Camp in Napa, August 8-10, 2000. **RES. NO. 0007-095**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Mission Recreation Center's 16 and Under Girls Basketball Team to attend and participate in the AAU National Tournament in Chattanooga, Tennessee, July 7 –15, 2000.

RES. NO. 0007-096

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve RhodyCo Productions request for the closing of Kezar Drive between Arguello and Stanyan Streets for the "Champions for Children" (One Mile Invitational, 5K People's Run/Walk to benefit the Pediatric Aids Research/UCSF Medical Center) on Sunday, October 29, 2000 from 8:45 to 9:45 AM.

RES. NO. 0007-097

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Victory Outreach request for Amplified Sound at La Raza Park on Sunday, August 5, 2000 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM for a "Children's Crusade Outreach Program".

RES. NO. 0007-098

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend a gift-in-place valued at \$30,000.00 from the Good Tidings Foundation/Golden State Warriors.

RES. NO. 0007-099

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of contract to Alpha Bay Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$380,000.00 for the play area Renovation project at Visitacion Valley Playground.

RES. NO. 0007-100

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to retroactively accept and expend a grant from the Northern California Grantmakers for Summer Youth Projects.

RES. NO. 0007-101

RESOLVED, That this Commission approve a PCS site License for Sprint at 3Com Park.

RES. NO. 0007-102

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT - APPROVAL OF TRIP TO HAWAII FOR 20 YOUTH BETWEEN 14-18 YEARS OF AGE TO PARTICIPATE IN 2ND ANNUAL WORLD YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, JULY 24 – 31, 2000. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS-IN-KIND FROM THE GOLDMAN FUND AND THE OTHOPAEDIC FOUNDATION AND RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GIFT IN KIND FROM THE FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND PARK

This item was presented to the Commission by James Threat. He requested to take 20 youth from the Bayview Hunters Point Neighborhood to Hawaii to participate in the 2nd Annual World Youth Basketball Tournament. These youth participate in the programs offered at the recreation facilities in the community.

On May 3, 2000, during the early afternoon hours two teenagers were shot dead on Third Street in the Bayview District in San Francisco. The four preceding months, Bayview residents suffered two more killings and over 40 shootings. In response to this violence, the Bayview community has held numerous meetings to discuss how to prevent future violence. Two of these meetings were significant; approximately 1500 people were in attendance. Out of this community effort, two intervention/prevention programs for youth were developed. The Summer Day Camp, targets youth ages 5 to 13, while the Summer Sports Camp targets youth ages 14 to 18.

The youth that attend the sports camp will participate in approximately five basketball tournaments throughout the nation. Department staff will serve as coaches. Through these tournaments the youth will be given an activity to focus on positive energy during the summer.

In addition to the basketball tournaments, the youth will be required to participate in various life skill workshops, community service projects and other activities. Each tournament requires travel, lodging costs and entry fees. The Goldman Fund is providing funding for the cost of entry fees, the Orthopaedic Foundation of Los Angeles is paying for athletic shoes and Friends of Recreation and Park has agreed to

pay for transportation and lodging. The departure is scheduled for July 24, 2000 from SFO, returning on July 31, 2000.

Damone Hale, Juvenile Probation Commissioner, spoke in support of the program and the wonderful job that **Fulton Mitchell** had done.. He also stated that they were looking forward to further collaborations between Recreation and Park and Juvenile Probation.

Fulton Mitchell, Recreation Director at Joseph Lee Gym, stated that they had been trying to take these trips for the last two years but didn't have support monetarily. He thanked **Damone Hale** and **James Threat** for all of their efforts. He also thanked **Elizabeth Goldstein** for her support and effort in making this happen in the two month turnaround time.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Murray**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0007-103

RESOLVED, That this Commission does: 1) approve a request for a seven day trip to Hawaii for 20 youth between 14 – 18 years of age to participate in the 2nd Annual World Youth Basketball Tournament July 24 – 31, 2000 2) accept gifts-in-kind from the Goldman Fund valued at \$3,900.00 for entry fees and from the Othopaedic Foundation valued at \$2,000.00 for athletic shoes and; 3) recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve a resolution to accept and expend a gift-in-kind from the Friends of Recreation and Parks valued at \$16,112.00 for travel and lodging accommodations.

PIONEER PARK - APPROVAL OF AWARD OF RENOVATION CONTRACT TO STACY AND WITBECK, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,348,680.00

Mike Morlin presented this item to the Commission. Pioneer Park is located in the North Beach/Telegraph Hill District. In September of 1996, the Recreation and Park Commission approved a conceptual plan for erosion control and improved access at Pioneer Park.

Four competitive bids were received through the Department of Public Works. Base bids ranged from \$41,348,680 to \$1,486,400. The DPW engineer's estimate was \$1,082,667. None of the bidders were qualified to receive a bid discount. The lowest responsible bid of \$1,348,680 was received from Stacy and Witbeck, Inc.

\$1,576,680 is available through public and private sources, including the Open Space Program, private contributions, the Mayor's office of Disability, General Fund, Street Improvement Bond and a transportation grant.

Upon the submittal of required documents from the contractor to the City, the City issues a Notice-To-Proceed. Work shall commence within five calendar days from issuance of NTP by the City and brought to substantial completion within the time limit of 140 consecutive calendar days. Final completion shall occur not later than 30 consecutive calendar days after the date of Notice of Substantial Completion.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Salinas**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0007-104

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract for the renovation of Pioneer Park to Stacy and Witbeck, Inc., in the amount of \$1,348,680.00.

STOW LAKE CORPORATION - APPROVAL OF SUBLEASE AGREEMENT WITH GONDOLA SERVIZIO FOR THE OPERATION OF A GONDOLA CRUISE CONCESSION

Tim Lillyquist presented this item to the Commission. The Stow Lake Corporation has been operating the boat rental facility at the Lake since the 1940's, when its founder first brought the concept to the Park Commission. The current 15-year Lease which was executed in 1991, gives **Bruce McLellan** the exclusive

right to offer boats for hire in Golden Gate Park. Gondola Servizio has approached the Department with a proposal to operate this attraction on Stow Lake. Mr. McLellan has agreed to cooperate on the test basis.

Under the proposed agreement made between Servizio and the Stow Lake Corporation, the Subtenant would pay the Tenant 31% of gross revenues received from its operation, and 50% of the amount would be payable to the City as rent. This is consistent with the terms specified in Section 2 of the Stow Lake lease for other Subtenants. The term of the agreement would be from the date of Commission approval to over 30, 2000.

Under this proposal the gondola program would operate for the test period using existing facilities. The gondola would be moored at the offshore boat storage facility, and passengers would be picked up at, and returned to the Boathouse dock. If the program were successful and continued, the subtenant would like to install an additional dock. It is the opinion of planning Staff and the City Attorney's office that this would require environmental review under CEQA, approval by the Commission, and quite possibly, approval by two-thirds of the Board of Supervisors.

The cost of the gondola ride would be \$50.00 for a ½ hour cruise for two people (\$10.00 each additional person) and \$15.00 for each additional 15 minutes. Based on their experience at Lake Merritt, Servizio owners Jeff Angelino Fischer and April Quinn believe that they can generate gross revenues approximating \$28,000 for the test period. Fifteen and one half percent (15.5%) or \$4,464.00 of this would accrue to the City as rent.

Two provisions of the attached agreement must be amended: Section 5 dealing with Insurance and Section 6 dealing with Indemnity must be amended to include the City as Additionally Insured and Indemnified, respectively. Contingent on these changes staff recommends the agreement for the test period.

There was detailed discussion and questions from the Commission in regard to the concerns raised by Golden Gate Audubon Society and Friends of Stow Lake. **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** went on record as opposing this item at this time.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Friend**, seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0007-106

WHEREAS, The Department has received a proposal to provide gondola rides for charge on Stow Lake for a test period; and

WHEREAS, Relying upon the information provided by the Office of Environmental Review of the Department of City Planning, this Commission finds that this project is categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), per the provisions of Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulation, Title 14, Sec. 15000 et Seq; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a license agreement between the Stow Lake Corporation, Gondola Servizio and the City to operate a gondola ride on Stow Lake for a period terminating on November 30, 2000, with the provision that the Department may cancel this sublease for any reason with a 30 day notice and provided that any and changes to the license agreement required by the City shall be made prior to its execution, the determination of which shall be made by the General.

*Ayes: Chin, Friend, Murray, Salinas
Nos: Newhouse Segal*

Commissioner Chin strongly encouraged Servizio to meet with Stow Lake Corporation and the concerned organizations and make sure they are on board as to what it is and is not. He also stated his concerns about the timing of this item.

Commissioner Friend introduced Commissioner Quaranta formally from the Recreation and Park Commission and now on the Police Commission.

MID-EMBARCADERO - APPROVAL OF NAMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEW ORGAN PAVILION AND MUSIC GREEN PARK

Elizabeth Goldstein introduced the item and then introduced James Haas to give details of the item.

The Commission approved a design for the Mid-Embarcadero Open Space in January, 1999. This new park complex at the foot of Market Street at the Embarcadero, will provide new passive recreational opportunities for citizens and visitors alike. The park itself opened to the public last month.

A group of citizens have come together to raise funds of \$5 million to build and maintain the organ pavilion.

To facilitate the Committee's efforts, they have identified a series of potential naming opportunities for the project. These are: Waterfront Pavilion Organ, Music Green (reserved), Echo Organ Structure (twin structures), Information Kiosk (twin structures), Four Section of the Music Green Seating Wall, Stage Area, Organ Console, Endowment for the City Organist Chair and Performance Funds. In addition, 6456 organ pipes will also be offered as a fundraising incentive.

The lawn area of the park, referred to as the music green, was funded from the Downtown Park fund. The total cost of the park is \$1,119,570.00. The estimated cost for the organ pavilion is \$3 million and the endowment for maintenance and operations is \$2 million. The \$5 million for the organ pavilion and endowment will be privately funded through the efforts of the Committee for the Waterfront Pavilion Organ. There was detailed discussion and questions from the Commission. Staff stated that each of these items would come back to the commission for naming approval.

Eula Walters spoke in opposition of the organ pavilion. The area where the organ is to be placed was promised to them. She stated that Jacksonville, Florida wanted it for their school children and stated that the Commission should sell it to Florida. Bette Landis stated that she supported the organ for a number of reasons: 1) it is a historical organ, 2) work done by the committee has been very thorough and a great asset to San Francisco and 3) organ concerts will draw a large number of people to the noontime concerts. Donna Bero, Director of Recreation and Parks stated that this was: 1) a glorious project and a great of example of what passionate citizens will do to improve their city, 2) great example of the type of partnerships the commission has tried to foster with the private sector and 3) good that the Department looking at a recognition plan that takes into effect the full value and presence of this type of participation.

President Chin stated that he believed there needed to be a Department-wide policy and clarity on processing naming opportunities of the parks.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0007-107

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve naming opportunities for the new Organ Pavilion and Music Green Park on the Mid-Embarcadero.

SAN FRANCISCO MARINA SMALL CRAFT HARBOR - PRESENTATION ONLY OF CONTROLLER'S AUDIT AND PROPOSED DEPARTMENTAL TIMELINE FOR RESPONSE

Mike Morlin presented this item to the Commission. He introduced Mark Tipton, Performance Audit Manager within the Controllers office. He thanked the Department staff during the course of the Audit. He briefly went through the background, the findings and recommendation areas.

The basis of the Audit was a Financial and Performance Audit at the Marina Yacht Harbor. In 1989 a master plan was prepared for the City, however, because it was opposed, it did not go into effect and the

Board of Supervisors did not approve the Commissions' request to apply for a State loan to finance this. In 1994 the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution urging the Mayor to oppose the construction of any additional breakwaters in the outer west basin. In 1997 an engineering feasibility study proposed a harbor renovation similar to the one in 1989 – but excluded the breakwaters in the outer west basin. The Commission tabled the item. He stated that the premise for the Audit was that the City should preserve and restore the entire harbor and secure the most advantageous financing to do that. Although it has been the Board's policy in the past not to build additional breakwaters in the outer west basin, they did not see that that was the best interest of the harbor. Mr. Tipton also stated that they did not do a cost/benefit analysis of individual parts of what was proposed for the harbor.

The basic findings of the report were that: 1) the Department should renovate the harbor, 2) the Department should adopt an up to date master plan to redevelop the harbor including needed breakwaters and dredging, 3) the Department should consider a public private partnership, 4) Commission should revise and the Department should enforce the rules at the harbor – berth transfer, subletting, liveaboards and regular use of boats, 5) the Department could increase harbor revenues, decreased harbor expenses and deposit harbor revenues more promptly, 6) the Department should strengthen some of its management controls, - the harbor doesn't have a mission statement, written goals objectives, performance measures and lacks policies and procedures for staff and 7) the Department should seek to negotiate with the St. Francis Yacht Club a lease amendment or lease extension that would include an increase in rent.

To summarize the recommendations fell on four areas: 1) the Department should renovate the harbor so that it can better serve it tenants and visitors, 2) the Commission should reevaluate and revise some of the harbor's rules to improve operations and increase revenues, 3) the Department should increase revenues and decrease costs at the harbor to help pay for its renovation and 4) the Department should approve management controls. Mike Morlin then laid out the proposed timeline for responding to some of the concerns. The Commission then had detailed discussion of the Audit and stated their concerns.

Robert Levine stated that no one was working on the docks. The \$2 million could be used to fix up the harbor. In regard to liveaboards, when he is on his boat no one comes on the dock. **Bill Barnes** representing the Neighborhood Parks Council stated that he felt this situation was disgraceful. He didn't believe that the suggestion from the Recreation and Park staff to have a master plan come forward to the Commission in early 2001 didn't necessarily reflect what has been said publicly about the Board of Supervisors' expectations of moving forward on the harbor. NPC believes that improvements to the harbor are needed to increase fees, that can be used increase and expand needs for ordinary citizens. **Emeric Kalman** stated the audit took \$1,200.00 from the Controller and was started about a year ago. He stated that any audit involves three bodies: 1) the management, 2) the Controller and 3) the public. He stated that the public was not aware of the Audit. The first time he was made aware of it was when he saw a hearing announcement posted at a private club – this was done before it came to the Commission or the Advisory Committee. He asked that he receive a response in writing as to why interested and knowledgeable people were not aware of the Audit. He requested that the Commission not accept the Audit because it was full of factual misstatements and misrepresentations. He requested the Commission have the Audit expended.

President Chin stated that the Audit was not the Master Plan. He stated that when the Master Plan is put forward that public involvement would be a very important part of it.

Joan Girardot stated that she too was concerned that the Audit wasn't presented to the Advisory Committee but at a private club. Her organization was going to respond in writing to the Audit and asked that the Commission read that response. She discussed factual misstatements in regard to 1) the number of berths in the harbor and requested the discrepancy in official city records to be reconciled, 2) the number of berths lost, 12 vs. 60, and 3) the breakwaters. She also asked that through the City Attorney, would like a list of claims of damages to boats in the last five years and requested from Mike Morlin, expenditures of dock replacements as a result of surge in the outer west harbor. **Courtney Clarkson** stated that the Harbor Advisory Committee was formed more than 2 ½ years ago and her frustrations on trying to accomplish items such as the breakwater, sandmining, etc. She stated that the majority of the committee agreed with the Audit as these were things they have been fighting for years. She requested a specific time limit for something to happen. **Christine Kaplan**, the concessionaire at the yacht harbor. She applauded the City

for putting the Audit in motion and stated that she didn't find anything in it that she disagreed with. She believed there should be venue for more of public to use the harbor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eula Walters stated her concern that specific members of the Open Space Committee shouldn't be on the committee because of what she believes to be conflicts. **Emeric Kalman** asked how questions of the public are answered – in writing or through staff or the City Attorney. He also stated that he received from the Planning Department notice of a negative declaration for the proposed project at Harding Park renovations. He asked why Recreation and Park was not involved. He stated his concerns about the irrigation problem and the removal of the trees. He asked for a written opinion from the City Attorney on how to answer questions. President Chin explained to Mr. Kalman the process of the EIR process. He also stated that the Department does respond to questions but that Mr. Kalman needed to give the Department some latitude in terms in making those responses in its best judgement. The public shouldn't expect off the cuff answers on very complicated issues. **Reola Freeman** thanked **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** for joining her group of children during a golf tournament and thanked Elizabeth Goldstein for improving the restrooms at the golf course. She also discussed the need to get inter-city youth involved in golf. **Denise Scrivner** representing Tank Hill Neighbor and the their concern of the removal of the two trees the Department wants to remove and also the lack of public process. **Bill Barnes** discussed the budget and the Neighborhood Park Council's involvement in the process. He also stated that NPC has concerns about the Strategic Planning process and the ability of the ordinary citizen's involvement in the process. He did acknowledge Elizabeth Goldstein's assistance in modifying the process but stated that some of their groups still have concerns. He stated NPC forwarded a request to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force to see if the Department was in compliance with the current law.

The 755th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and
Park Commission was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

756th Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 17, 2000 - 2:00 p.m.

The 756th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, August 17, 2000 at 2:13 p.m. by President Gordon Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Gordon Chin, President

John W. Murray, Vice President

William Getty

Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:

Eugene Friend

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The following is the written report submitted to the Commission:

State funds for parks; State Park Bonds

I am pleased to report that we have been fortunate in receiving more than \$30 million in State funds for park improvements. This includes \$4,700,000 in State General Fund 2000-2001 Appropriations for park improvements as follows:

Palace of Fine Arts: \$3 Million Rehabilitation and restoration of the building and landscape

Sunnyside Conservatory: \$300,000 - Renovation of Landmark

John Muir Fishing Pier, Lake Merced: \$400,000

India Basin: \$ 378,000 - park development

Golden Gate Park - Arts Commission:

Portals of the Past Rehabilitation: \$36,00

Statue renovation: Verdi, Garfield - \$109,000

Golden Gate Park, Aids Grove: \$500,000

In addition to the above State General Fund appropriations, State Park Bonds in the amount of \$13,524,000 will be available this fiscal year for Golden Gate Park. The State Department of Recreation and Parks will be soliciting our work program submittal in August.

State Application Guidelines are also expected in August to apply for our Per Capita allotment. The City's Per Capita allotment is approximately \$4.9 Million, while the County's Per Capita allotment is expected to be \$3.1 Million.

In addition the City will be eligible for approximately \$5 Million in Roberti-Z'berg funds.

These State funding opportunities serve to leverage our City Open Space and Park Bond 2000 dollars, helping to move our Capital Plan forward.

Urban Forestry

The Urban Forestry Division has received a grant in the form of a six month loan of equipment to process logs into lumber. The grant through the California Department of Forestry will provide a log mill and kiln to process logs into valuable lumber for the Department's Structural Maintenance Division. This program will assist the Department to comply with the solid waste reductions and save the Department material and supply expenditures.

The Urban Forestry Division also sponsored a conference on the devastating tree disease Pine Pitch Canker. This plague to the City's urban forest has killed many trees from Santa Barbara to Santa Cruz and is now invading the San Francisco Peninsula. The conference for tree care professionals discussed many aspects of this problem and was well received by those in attendance. Much thanks go to Tree Crew Supervisor, Mr. Kelly Cornell who organized this valuable educational opportunity.

Off-Leash dog runs at Upper Noe and Eureka Valley

Two new trial off-leash dog runs have opened at Upper Noe Playground and Eureka Valley Playground. These trial dog runs are separated from the newly renovated athletic fields with temporary fencing and provide park users with safe facilities. The trial dog runs will be open for ninety days while staff monitors the community's response, and if warranted a recommendation will be made to the Commission for a permanent land use change .

Garfield Pool closure

Garfield Pool will close on August 20th for sixty days to renovate the pool's roof. The Department will utilize the staff at Garfield to offer additional programming at Mission and Balboa pools for the patrons of Garfield.

New roof installed at Sharp Park

The Roofing Shop has completed installation of a new roof at Sharp Park on the building which houses the Pro Shop, Restaurant and Bar, Restrooms, Kitchen, and Banquet Room. After stripping the pitched roof down to the last membrane, approximately 6,000 tiles were secured on it using 2 copper nails and 1 hurricane clip per tile. The flat tar roof was stripped entirely, and then roofers applied a base sheet and 4 ply, covered it with emulsion and auminite to protect the roof membranes from sun penetration. Copper flashing, as opposed to galvanized which rusts, was installed on all vents, perimeter nosing, skylights, and pans, i.e., chimney pans.

San Francisco Junior Open Tennis Tournament

The San Francisco Junior Open Tennis Tournament was conducted from Monday, July 31 through Friday, August 4, 2000 at the Golden Gate Park Tennis Complex. 230 youths, from throughout Northern California and as far away as Alaska participated in the event. There were four divisions of play: 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under, and 18 and under.

The San Francisco Junior Novice Tennis Tournament was conducted from Wednesday August 2 through Friday, August 4, 2000 at the Golden Gate Park Tennis Complex. The novice Tournament is for youngsters who are just learning the game and who are San Francisco residents. 50 youths competed in four divisions of play.

Track Meet in San Jose

40 youngsters advanced from the annual San Francisco Recreation and Park Department Track Meet held on May 13th to the Hershey National Youth Program Track Met Regional Event in San Jose. Derrick Bennett, from Visitacion Valley Playground, was successful in San Jose and will be attending the National Games in Hershey, Pennsylvania, later this month.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Chin**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 2000. **RES. NO. 0008-110**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept and expend the following gifts valued at \$115,605.00: **RES. NO. 0008-111**

1. From Dan Escobar, \$1,000.00 for the Dolphin Building Club
2. From The Hass Family Fund, \$1,000.00 for Conservatory of Flowers Plant Fund
3. From Delly Tamer, \$500.00 for the Tenderloin Recreation Center
4. From San Francisco Orchid Society, \$2,600.00 for the Conservatory of Flowers Plant Fund
5. From the Richard & Rhoda Goldman Fund, \$10,000.00 for the Waterfront Organ Pavilion Fund
6. From Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Porter, \$500.00 for the Pioneer Park Project
7. From Doug Ahlers, \$1,640.00 for the Washington Square Fund
8. From the Telegraph Hill Dwellers, \$500.00 for the Washington Square Fund
9. From Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Cunningham, \$1,000.00 for the Conservatory of Flowers Plant Fund
10. From Bank of America, \$1,000.00 for the Washington Square Fund
11. From Rayko Photo, \$1,925.00 for the Babe Ruth Program
12. From San Francisco Beautiful, \$5,000.00 for the Sunnyside Conservatory Fund
13. From San Francisco Beautiful, \$4,740.00 for the Visitacion Valley Greenway Project
14. From US Croquet Association of Northern California, \$2,500.00 for Golden Gate Park Maintenance
15. From Maud Hallin, \$500.00 for the Washington Square Fund
16. From Mr. and Mrs. G. Tucker Ingham, \$500.00 for Golden Gate Park Maintenance
17. From Ingleside Terraces Homes Association, \$500.00 for Aptos Playground
18. From Providian Financial Corporation, \$10,000.00 for the Park Renaissance Project
19. From the Walter Johnson Foundation, \$6,000.00 for the PFA Endowment Fund
20. From the San Francisco Foundation, \$19,500.00 for the Aptos Playground Fund
21. From the San Francisco Foundation, \$32,700.00 for the Visitacion Valley Greenway Project
22. From the San Francisco Examiner, \$10,000.00 for the Midnight Basketball Fund
23. From The Industrial Bank of Japan, Ltd., \$2,000.00 for the Natural Resource Areas Fund

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

RES. NO. 0008-112

Purchase From

David Van Wynsberghe
Lory Plantation Parqu
Route 1, Box 22
Summertown, SC 29148

3 unknown sex violet-naped lorikeets
2 unknown sex ornate lorikeets
3 unknown sex Edward's lorikeets
6 unknown sex Forster's lorikeets
12 unknown sex green-naped lorikeets
Purchase \$7,050.00/group

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the schematic plans for the new Visitacion Valley Clubhouse. **RES. NO. 0008-113**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the schematic plans for the Eureka Valley Recreation Center. **RES. NO. 0008-114**

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve an award of construction contract for Phase 2 Improvements of India Basin Shoreline Park to Rios Grading, Inc. in the amount of \$179,275.00.

RES. NO. 0008-115

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve the following items for the India Basin Open Space (Phase III) located along the India Basin Shoreline and to the northeast of Innes Avenue: 1) conceptual plan for wetland creation and restoration, development of transitional and upland park-areas, and extension of the San Francisco Bay Trail. 2) the creation and restoration of wetland on Recreation and Park Department property as part of the San Francisco International Airport's Wetland Fill Mitigation Project, 3) a Memorandum of Understanding between RPD and SFO to create and restore the wetland area and to extend the San Francisco Bay Trail and 4) recommend action to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend a grant from the California Coastal Conservancy to improve the upland area of the India Basin Open Space (Phase III).

RES. NO. 0008-116

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve the request of the Stow Lake Corporation to increase prices for boat rental and food items at the Stow Lake Boathouse.

RES. NO. 0008-117

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve the award of construction contract for the North Beach Pool Renovation to M.H. Construction Management Co. in the amount of \$2,848,393.00.

RES. NO. 0008-118

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve an increase to the permit fees for Rainbow Montessori Nursery School for the use of the McCoppin Playground Clubhouse located at 24th Avenue and Taraval Streets in San Francisco.

RES. NO. 0008-119

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve the revocable permits to allow the property owners at 118, 128 and 138 Kensington Way to maintain a concrete drainage ditch and existing retaining wall structural supports along the southern property line of Edgehill Mountain.

RES. NO. 0008-120

RESOLVED. That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend a gift in place valued at approximately \$207,000.00 for the Strybing Arboretum.

RES. NO. 0008-121

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve an overnight camping trip to Brannan Island State Park in Antioch, California for 15 youth and teens on August 26-27, 2000.

RES. NO. 0008-122

GENERAL CALENDAR

HAIGHT ASHBURY COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL -APPROVAL OF NEW REVOCABLE PERMIT FOR THE USE OF THE GRATTAN PLAYGROUND CLUBHOUSE

Haight Ashbury Cooperative Nursery School has been operating at the Grattan Playground clubhouse for over 23 years. Their last permit expired June 30, 2000.

The Coop has recently informed staff that they still have been unable to relocate their program and are requesting a new agreement. The Coop wishes to renew its permit agreement with the City for the continued use of the Grattan Playground Clubhouse. Staff is proposing a new revocable permit through June 30, 2001. Should the Coop find another facility for its program prior to the expiration date of this permit, the Coop may provide the City 30 days written prior notice of intent to vacate.

The terms and conditions of the new permit are essentially the same as the previous permit approved by the Commission (January 21, 1999, Resolution #901-003). The permit provides for:

- Use of the Grattan Clubhouse on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. too 1:00 p.m. and use of the County Fair Building Recreation Room on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- A term from August 21, 2000 to June 30, 2000.
- The monthly permit fee remains at \$461.25, based on the fair market value of the property as established by the Real Estate Department, minus proposed deductions.

An annual fair market value appraisal was conducted by the Real Estate Department, which recommends that the fair market appraisal remains the same, at \$1.00 per square foot.

- August rent is prorated to \$197.68, reflecting the partial month.
- A security deposit of one month's permit fee of \$461.25.

The fair market value of the property is \$1,025.00 per month (\$1.00 per square foot multiplied by 1,025 square feet).

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Murray**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0008-123**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a new revocable permit for Haight Ashbury Cooperative Nursery School for the use of the Grattan Playground Clubhouse.

HUNTINGTON PARK - RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GIFT IN PLACE FROM THE NOB HILL ASSOCIATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF DECORATIVE AND SECURITY LIGHTING VALUED AT \$90,000.00

Mike Morlin, Assistant Superintendent, made an overall presentation to the Commission. He then introduced Dan Finnane with the Nob Hill Association who made a detailed presentation on the specifics of the gift in place and answered any questions of the Commission.

The Nob Hill Association has a long history of funding improvements in its adopted park, Huntington Park. In recent years, they refurbished the granite walls around the perimeter of the park and installed brass handrails on the steps. They are donating \$72,600 to the Art Commission to help with the restoration of the Fountain of the Turtles later this summer. The Association's park committee has worked over the past two years on a lighting plan for the park. Members were inspired when, as part of its seismic upgrading and renovation, Grace Cathedral began the installation of dramatic exterior lighting. In addition, the park has become a hangout after dark for an undesirable element that has inflicted increasing damage on the dimly lit park and two attacks on passersby have occurred. The Nob Hill Association has completed fundraising of the \$90,000.00 for new park lighting.

The lighting plan calls for ornamental poles with antique fixtures using metal halide lamps at entrances and along pathways placed in symmetrical fashion. In total, they would install 8-12' poles, 12-16' poles, and 4-25' poles whose lighting will accent the central fountain. I would greatly improve the quantity and quality of light presently illuminating the park; 24 lights would replace the current 13. The proposed plan would make the park safer and more attractive at night yet not use appreciably more electricity than is presently used because the new fixtures conserve energy. The plans have been reviewed and approved by the Assistant Superintendent for Structural Maintenance and Electrician Supervisor. Any applicable permits would be required of the contractor performing the installation. The Civic Design Committee of the Art Commission approved the lighting design on July 17, 2000.

After detailed discussion, on motion duly made by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0008-124**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend a gift in place from the Nob Hill Association for the installation of decorative and security lighting at Huntington Park valued at \$90,000.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

There was no public comment on closed session.

The Commission adjourned into closed session at 2: 28 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Commission returned to open session at 2:41p.m.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Getty**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission finds it in the best interest of the public not to disclose its closed session deliberations regarding existing litigation.

The meeting adjourned because of a lack of a quorum. All public comment heard will be included in the minutes for the September meeting.

The 756th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and
Park Commission was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

759th Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 16, 2000 - 2:00 p.m.

The 759th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, November 16, 2000 at 2:10 p.m. by President Gordon Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Gordon Chin, President
John W. Murray, Vice President
Gloria Bonilla
Eugene Friend
Bill Getty
Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:

Larry Martin

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Operations planning in preparation for reopening a restored Conservatory of Flowers is well underway, in part catalyzed by the August retirement of chief nursery specialist George Marcopulos after 25 years' service at the Conservatory. A Conservatory Transition Team has been formed, and includes Elizabeth Goldstein, Dan McKenna and Scot Medbury, who is serving as interim director of the Conservatory while operations and staffing plans are developed and implemented. Medbury brings substantial experience with botanical garden planning and tropical plants, and has quickly become an active collaborator in the building restoration's design and construction process. During the transition to permanent leadership at the Conservatory, Medbury will be supported by a new special assistant position and by the consolidated horticultural staffs of the Conservatory and the Arboretum.

The Transition Team has recognized that rigorous planning for the development, management and interpretation of the Conservatory's plant collections is an important step toward creation of a world-class attraction. The scope of a federally funded grant for the Arboretum has been expanded to include an assessment of the Conservatory's existing plant collections and collections-management practices. The Museum Assessment Program ("MAP") grant, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and managed by the American Association of Museums, will bring a highly qualified plant scientist to San Francisco to review and report on present and future collections-management challenges and opportunities at the Conservatory.

The scope of services for a business and operations plan for the restored Conservatory is in preparation, with a late-October target date for issuance of an RFP to several national firms with expertise in operations planning for conservatories, botanical gardens, zoos and other kinds of natural history museums. Concurrent with this operations planning project, the Conservatory staff will begin to refine a mission and vision for the restored Conservatory, and will involve park and community partners and the California Academy of Sciences in this process. After securing Recreation & Park Commission approval of a refined mission and new operations plan, additional consultant arrangements will be pursued for interpretive planning and exhibit design services, followed by an active period of plant acquisition.

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The San Francisco Zoo won the North American Conservation Award for their Bald Eagle Recovery Program. This program has raised and released 44 bald eagles to the wild. The program is a collaboration with the Institute for Wildlife Studies, the California Department of Fish and Game, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Zoo's new meerkat exhibit has produced two babies that can often be seen in the afternoons. One male and three female eland arrived at the zoo on 11 October. They are the largest antelope in the world with the males weighing approximately 1 ton.

Two keepers are participating in international studies: Barbara Palmer will be leaving for Nepal to study snow leopards for a month as part of an on-going Earthwatch study; and Mary Kerr has settled in at Umbelli Baie in the Democratic Republic of Congo to study lowland gorillas for one year.

The Zoo is participating in the Dune and Lake Merced restoration projects. On 23 September non-native vegetation was removed from the dunes along the parameter of the Zoo and this winter the planting of native species began in an attempt to reclaim the dune. This is an on-going project scheduled for the fourth Saturday of each month. If anyone is interested in participating, meet at the Fleishhacker parking lot at 10 AM.

At the October commission meeting we received complaints about the sound levels at special events in Golden Gate Park. The Commission requested information about sound monitoring. Park Patrol has been monitoring amplified permitted events at the Golden Gate Park Band Shell. Using a decibel-monitoring device, staff has informed permit holders when the sound levels have exceeded the permitted 80-decibel range. Park Patrol has monitored the sound levels at two locations, the fountain closest to the band shell and at eighth and Fulton. However, wind patterns may lift the sound above the tree line. On several occasions sound levels have exceeded the permitted level and reached as high as 95 decibels. Park Patrol then requires the event organizers to reduce the sound to the permitted level. Sgt. Porto of Park Station monitors the Sharon Meadow events. However, SFPD does not have a sound abatement officer that works on weekends and holidays. We are working with them to correct the problem.

In public testimony at the October Commission meeting, concerns were raised about the permanence of the dog run at upper Noe. A letter of response to those concerns is attached.

Urban Forestry Division just completed their first CAD map for the Reforestation Program. This will bring the program into the computer age and allow us to create all of our mapping electronically rather than developing labor consuming hand-drawn maps.

The Park Renaissance project has been completed at Duboce Park and we are now commencing with the renovation of the turf areas at the Park. The Playground work on the south side of the park is in full gear with the Friends of Duboce Park providing much needed assistance.

October was a huge month for volunteer activities in the Department's Southern Division. Three hundred volunteers planted, weeded, removed debris and generally assisted staff at numerous sites. In addition, the Department is utilizing the Sheriff's Department Pre-Trial Diversion Program in weed abatement and other non-technical maintenance programs.

Renovations to the Kezar track have been completed and a major track meet was held there this month. The floor at the Kezar Pavilion has just been refinished. Two sets of floor plates to accommodate the two new sets of professional volleyball standards have been installed just prior to the start of the Fall Women's Volleyball League that is currently underway. Events in Kezar Pavilion included a Celebrity Basketball game, Roller Derby, Recreation and Park Women's Volleyball League and Monday Drop-In Volleyball.

The Department has hired a new custodial supervisor in the Southern Division. This will dramatically improve our ability to provide weekend coverage for our facilities such as Dolores Park.

Adult Summer Softball League concluded the season with the final championship games November 3, 2000. 380 Teams (approximately 7,600 individuals) participated in the Summer League.

The Northern 2 park maintenance staff has been planting annuals and bulbs throughout the parks and squares, replacing perennials, planting native plants, weeding, edging pathways and general clean-up of litter.

Dave Dinslage and Carolyn Anaya, Recreation Staff assigned to the Assisted Recreation Services program, conducted a very successful Halloween dance for the disabled community on October 26, 2000. More than 420 people attended the event at the San Francisco County Fair Building.

Peter Oquendo, Recreation Director in charge of City-Wide Adult Senior Programs, coordinated a Spring Trekkers trip to San Juan Bautista on October 13, 2000. Over 45 senior hiking enthusiasts participated.

Tuesday October 24 marked an exciting dedication in the Tenderloin District. After five years, Sgt. John Macaulay Park was reopened with much fanfare. Officers from all across the City turned out as a group to stand in formation at the ceremony. Jeanette Macaulay, Sgt. Macaulay's mother, was able to attend along with all of her children and many of her grandchildren. Mayor Brown cut the ribbon with assistance from community members, Mrs. Macaulay and children from the Tenderloin Childcare Center.

This year the festivities are expected to take place the first week of December. We will again have two tree lighting ceremonies: one at McLaren Lodge, when we light the official "Holiday Tree" of San Francisco, and again in Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza. I hope you will be able to attend either one or both of these festive events.

Legislative Report

Golden Gate Park State Bond expenditure package will be heard at Finance on 11/22/00; Legislation on lots 202 and 203 and Warm Water Cove at the Board on 11/20 and a second vote on 12/4/00; and a number of gifts from the Commission to the Board are scheduled to be heard on 11/20 – those gifts are Visitacion Valley, McKinely Square, Strybing Arboretum and Randall Museum.

Officer Recognition

The Recreation and Park Department receives support from the San Francisco Police Department on a daily basis. However, we would like to acknowledge the special efforts of the officers assigned to park duties out of Richmond Station. Captain Ed Springer, Officer Frank Mendez, Officer Lyn Tomioka, and Inspector Kim Lewis have all worked to ensure that the park officer program is staffed and responsive. They have exhibited patience in integrating their duties with 9910's and Workfare employees. Elizabeth Goldstein presented the officers with certificates of appreciation from the Department.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Getty**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 2000.

RES. NO. 0011-154

RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept and expend the following gift-in-place valued at \$2,000.00:

RES. NO. 0011-155

1. From the Planning Association for the Richmond (PAR), a gift-in-place for the Richmond Recreation Center to be used for free programs for pre-school through senior adults, and for materials and supplies for youth and senior adults valued at \$2,000.00.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. **RES. NO. 0011-156**

Purchase

David Van Wynseberghe
Route 1, Box 22
Summerton , SC 29148

0.0.22 lorikeets (birds)
Purchase: \$6,450.00
(addition to previous purchase)

St. Louis Zoo
One Government Drive
St. Louis, MO 63110

2 female Barrow's goldeneye (duck)
1 male and 2 female canvasback (ducks)
Purchase: \$600.00/group
USDA #: 43-C-032

RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept the audited financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2000. **RES. NO. 0011-157**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Recreation and Park Department's Retention Policy. **RES. NO. 0011-158**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a license agreement between the Recreation and Park Department and Motion Picture Licensing Corporation allowing the Department to show videocassettes of copyrighted movies at designated sites. **RES. NO. 0011-159**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual plan for the Phase 3 improvements of the 911/Office of Emergency Services (OES) Emergency Communications Project. **RES. NO. 0011-160**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual plan for a clubhouse at the Mission district new park at 23rd Street and Treat Avenue. **RES. NO. 0011-161**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual plan to designate a recognition wall at Coit Tower. **RES. NO. 0011-162**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a memorandum of understanding agreement (MOU) which defines the project scope and the roles and responsibilities of both the Department and the Friends of Aptos Playground on the preparation of a park master plan for Aptos Playground. **RES. NO. 0011-163**

GENERAL CALENDAR

2012 OLYMPIC SOCCER EVENT AT 3COM PARK AT CANDLESTICK POINT
2012 OLYMPIC SOCCER EVENT AT POLO FIELDS

The Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee (BASOC) is a non-profit organization formed to prepare a bid in connection with the San Francisco Bay Area's effort to host the 2012 summer Olympic Games. Per United States Olympic Committee (USOC) requirements for submitting an Olympic Bid, BASOC is required to describe potential sites for Olympic events, including evidence of potential site control.

Accordingly, BASOC is entering into a series of memoranda of understanding with governmental and non-governmental entities across the Bay Area regarding the use of potential sites for the 2012 Olympics, a number of which are in San Francisco. Staff in the Mayor's Office of Economic Development has been working with BASOC's bid package identifies 3Com Park at Candlestick Point as a venue for soccer, and the Polo Fields in Golden Gate Park as a venue for beach volleyball.

City staff have negotiated draft Memorandums of Understanding (the MOUs) regarding the use of 3Com Park and the Polo Fields. The MOUs are conditioned on selection by the United States Olympic Committee of San Francisco as the U. S. Candidate City and the selection by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) of San Francisco as the Host City for the Games. If San Francisco is not selected as the

Candidate City or is not selected for the 2012 Olympic Games, the parties will negotiate and enter into License Agreements for both sites within 12 months of selection.

The MOU for 3Com Park provides that if the stadium is no longer in existence in 2012, the City will make its best efforts to provide a substitute facility of comparable size and quality that will meet BASOC's needs. The provisions of the 3Com Park MOU are also subject to the Department's lease with the Forty Niners, which expires in 2008 but can be renewed for three consecutive five-year periods. The Forty Niners have reviewed both agreements and approve them as to form. In order to meet the USOC's December 15, 2000 deadline for bid submission, BASOC is seeking the Commission's approval.

Ann Cribbs with BASOC asked that the Commission approve these items.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0011-164

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee ("BASOC") to permit BASOC to use 3Com Park at Candlestick Point as the venue for the Olympic Soccer event in 2012 should San Francisco be selected as the host city for the 2012 Olympic Games.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Getty**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0011-165

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee ("BASOC") to permit BASOC to use the Polo Fields in Golden Gate Park as the venue for the Olympic Beach Volleyball event in 2012 should San Francisco be selected as the host city for the 2012 Olympic Games.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Martin McIntyre, University Terrace Association, spoke on the sound problems from Sharon Meadow. He requested relief from the noise generated from some of the events at Sharon Meadow.

Andrea O'Leary spoke about the volunteer efforts at Sunnyside Park and the frustrations they have encountered. She also requested information on why a volunteer planting scheduled for December 2, 2000 was cancelled. The Commission requested that staff get back to Ms. O'Leary in regard to this matter.

Pinky Kushner spoke on three items: 1) the road closures in Golden Gate Park moving forward as fast as possible, 2) installation and enforcement of restricted parking in the eastern end of Golden Gate Park and 3) transfer of lots 202 and 203 and stated that the Recreation and Park Department should be encouraging this transfer. **Mary Anne Miller** stated that San Francisco Tomorrow was interested in the coordination of events in the Concourse area over the next four to five years. She spoke of how the transportation studies of the Master Plan, the de Young Museum and other institutions don't interface.

The Commission adjourned into closed session at 3:00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Commission returned to open session at 4:00 p.m.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Chin**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission finds it in the best interest of the public not to disclose its closed session deliberations regarding existing litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

The 759th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and
Park Commission was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary



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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

760th Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2001 - 2:00 p.m.

The 760th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday,

January 18, 2001 at 2:20 p.m. by President Gordon Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Gordon Chin, President

John W. Murray, Vice President

Gloria Bonilla

Eugene Friend

Bill Getty

Larry Martin

Lynne Newhouse Segal

Â Â Â Â Â Â President Chin announced that Items 4 F and 4I would be removed from the consent calendar and

Â Â Â Â Â Â heard as separate items.Â He also announced that items 7 and 9 through 11 were taken off calendar.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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Elizabeth Goldstein, General Manager spoke on Harding Park, the Western Urban Parks Alliance

Conference and gave the Legislative Report and introduced Gary Hoy, the Capital Program Manager.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Ron Rucker with the Civil Rights Project with the Coalition on Homelessness stated he was

concerned that there was not adequate notification or public comment on the selection of the parks and

opposed this item.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Newhouse Segal, seconded and unanimously carried, the

following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of

November

2000. **RES. NO. 0101-001**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and

expend the following gifts valued at

\$11,600.00 **RES. NO. 0101-002**

From Community Impact, a gift-in-place of tools for the Recreation and Park Department's Volunteer Program valued at \$6,600.

From the Foundation for Ecology and Culture, \$5,000.00 to support the Recreation and

Park Department's School Stewardship.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the

San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

RES. NO. 0101-003

Purchase

Disney Animal
Kingdom
One male Maguari stork

P.O. Box
10,000
Purchase: \$500.00

Lake Buena Vista, FL
32830
USDA #: 58-C-0076

Baltimore
Zoo
3 male and 3 female ruddy ducks

Druid Hill
Park
Purchase: \$300.00/group

Baltimore, MD
21217
USDA #: 51-C-0006

Trade

Blank Park
Zoo
2 female Magellanic Penguins

7401 SW 9th
Street
Trade

Des Moines, IA
50315
USDA #: 42-C-0054

Donation To

Bronx
Zoo
1 female snow leopard (Mei Mei)

2300 Southern
Avenue
Donation

Bronx, NY
10460
USDA #: 21-C-0020

Hemker

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Article 4 Section 4.10(a) of San Francisco Park Code be amended to include an additional 13 sites under the jurisdiction of Recreation and Park Department.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award of a \$207,293 construction contract

to W. Chapot Construction Company for the installation of a temporary safety net at the Palace

of Fine Arts

Rotunda. RES. NO. 0101-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a permit allowing Genesis Communication Group

to produce "Career Aide 2001". The two-day event will provide open-air concerts in conjunction

with job fairs free to the public at the Bandshell in Golden Gate Park on June 2-3, 2001.

Genesis Communication Group is also requesting a modified sound permit allowing five hours of

amplified music and four hours of amplified voice announcements from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

RES.NO. 0101-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does authorize the General Manager to enter into the revocable

permit with Four Embarcadero Center Venture permitting reconstruction of a circular staircase

connecting Four Embarcadero with Justin Herman Plaza with such changes to the draft permit as the parties shall negotiate and as the City Attorney shall approve.

RES. NO. 0101-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution declaring the Commission's intent to

reimburse expenditures for acquiring park land and designing and reconstructing existing park

buildings and lands from proceeds of future indebtedness. RES. NO. 0101-010

KEZAR STADIUM ATHLETIC FIELD

Bob St. Clair had a legendary football career, in high-school, college and in the pros.Â In high school at Polytechnic he was First Team, All-City.Â In college at the University of San Francisco he was First Team, All-Coast.Â He played his entire professional career with the San Francisco Forty Niners, where he was a five-time All-Pro, and in 1990 he was inducted into the National Football League's Hall of Fame.

The proposal to name the athletic field at Kezar Stadium for Bob St. Clair was first initiated by San Francisco historian Dr. Kristine Clark, with support from the St. Clair family, led by his daughter Lynn St. Clair-Gretton.Â The proposal has received the unanimous endorsement of the Kezar Advisory Board and has wide support within the Forty Niner and NFL communities, including endorsements from Bill Walsh, R.C. Owens, Y.A. Title, Billy Kilmer, Ollie Matson, Burl Toler, Hugh McElhenny and Johnny Unitas.

Bob St. Clair has deep roots and ties to San Francisco.Â His ancestors going back to his great-grandparents were native San Franciscans.Â He was born here, worked here and raised his family here.Â His connections to Kezar Stadium are also strong.Â He has the distinction of having played all of his home games at Kezar Stadium throughout his entire career from high school to the pros. He played a total of 189 games on that field, more than anyone else ever has or ever will.

Throughout his life, Bob St. Clair has demonstrated high moral character, inclusiveness, and humanitarianism.Â When the outstanding 1951 USF Football Team was invited to a bowl game contingent on them leaving their two African-American players at home, Bob and the rest of the team pointedly declined the invitation.Â In the early 1960's, Bob's fight for integrated housing in San Francisco was praised by President John F. Kennedy.

For many years Bob St. Clair has been involved with many local charities and community services, including Youth America Week, Save Our School Sports, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Single Parent Families and the Special Olympics.

Bob St. Clair, graciously thanked the Commission and noted that had he thought being inducted

into the Hall of Fame was his biggest accomplishment until this honor. He said that "for a San

“Francisco born athlete to have the field named after him was just overwhelming.”

On motion duly made by Commissioner Chin, seconded and unanimously carried, the following

RES. NO. 0101-011

Â RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the naming of the athletic field in Kezar StadiumÂ Â

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alternatives. These agreements will in the aggregate not exceed

Senior (65 and older) \$6.00
 \$7.00
 \$3.50 \$4.50

Child (3 to 11) \$3.00
 \$4.00
 \$1.50 \$2.50

Child (under 3) Free
 Free
 Free Free

Group Adult \$8.00
 \$9.00
 \$6.00 \$7.00

Group Youth \$5.00
 \$6.00
 \$2.50 \$3.50

Group Senior \$5.00
 \$6.00
 \$2.50 \$3.50

Group Child \$2.00
 \$3.00
 \$1.00 \$2.00

He then discussed the increased comparative analysis of other zoos, operating expenses, funding of

new initiatives, labor rate increases and capital projects.

Margaret Brodtkin, Director of Coleman Advocates for Children prefaced her remarks by stating that

they are aware the zoo is improving but that they are opposing the fee increases. She stated that

residents are paying 2/3 of the capital cost through the zoo bond and are paying 1/3 of the operating

budget through the \$4million allocation to zoo. She asked that the

Commission weigh the cost vs. the

benefit. She also suggested that the Commission may want to approve the package without fee increase

for residents. **Marybeth Wallace** said that working with zoo on this package was a good experience.

She stated that there were now more ways for San Francisco families to get to the zoo. She requested

that the Commission not increase the fee, thus adding one more way for families can get to the zoo.

Cory Calandra, member of the San Francisco Zoological Board community representative and co-

chair of the Joint Zoo Committee. She stated that his item had been heard at the committee and was

supported by the committee. She felt that a lot of good feedback was given at the committee meeting,

many of those ideas were taken into consideration and community access programs had been

expanded. She urged the Commission to support the fee increase and felt the increase was necessary.

Philip Carlton handed out an article from Ken Garcia and pointed out some of the exorbitant salaries

given out by the society then compared the Oakland zoo salaries and the budgets of the two zoos. He

is concerned about the high salaries and suggested that the zoo may want to cut back on some of the

high salaries. He also did a comparison of the zoo budget (\$13 million) to the Recreation and Park

Department budget, the salaries of the Zoo Director to the General Manager and the lack of balance. In

regard to the fee increases he stated that it went from 14% to 100% to San Francisco residents, for

non-residents the increase went from 11% to 50%. He also asked that the Commission disapprove the

increase to the San Francisco residents. **Emeric Kalman** stated that he went to the Joint Zoo meeting

and testified against the increase. The Zoological Society budget is over

\$13 million.Â If the budget isÂ

Â Â Â Â Â divided by the number of animals at the zoo, he believed it is about \$23,000/year/animal. He compared

Â Â Â Â Â that to the \$6,000 the city was spending per student in the City.Â He also stated that when the SocietyÂ

Â Â Â Â Â took over the management of the zoo they said that they would lower the cost of management of theÂ

Â Â Â Â Â facility - however this was the second or third increase.Â He requested that this be put back on the table

Â Â Â Â Â and find out why the zoo is spending \$23,000 for each animal at the zoo. He stated he was opposed toÂ

Â Â Â Â Â it. Margaret Libby stated that the number of the San Francisco parents and children attending the zooÂ

Â Â Â Â Â had actually decreased from last year to this year - 17,000 children paying last year to 10,000 this yearÂ

Â Â Â Â Â and 56,000 parents paying last year to 42,000 this year.Â Â Given that trend she believed that the feeÂ

Â Â Â Â Â increase would give further disincentive for parents and children to go to the zoo. She stated that sheÂ Â

Â Â Â Â Â also opposed the fee increase. Ernestine Weiss believed that there needed to be creative ways to keepÂ

Â Â Â Â Â the parks in shape, San Francisco is a little City and we need assistance from donors to achieve some of

Â Â Â Â Â these goals. Saul Anaya stated that he polled 43 parents, asking if they had been to the zoo since 2000.Â Â Â

Â Â Â Â Â Only four had been there with their families.Â He believed that if the increase was approved those fourÂ Â Â Â Â

Â Â Â Â Â families would not be going out there.Â He stated that the Commission needed to involve the

Â Â Â Â Â community.

Â Â Â Â Â There was detailed discussion and questions of the Commission. President Chin stated that he believedÂ

Â Â Â Â Â the zoo was heading in the right direction and had made improvements.Â He stated that there was a need

Â Â Â Â Â to look at sustainability and increasing revenues. His recommended that the Commission hold the item

over until the following month so that the community had time to comment. He requested that the

Commission receive written comments from Coleman Advocates and also a copy of the Harvey Rose

report. He stated that the last time there was a fee increase there was a public meeting at the lion's den

which was well attended and that the process was substantive. Zoo Director David Anderson requested

that the Commission approve the nonresident portion only but hold the resident increase.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Newhouse Segal, seconded and unanimously carried, the

following resolution was adopted:
RES. NO. 0101-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the proposed Gate Fee Increase for nonresidents

only and directed the Zoological Society to hold another public meeting to look at alternatives that

would meet the needs of the Zoological Society and meet the needs of the residents as well.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On motion duly made by Commissioner Friend, seconded and unanimously carried, Commissioner Chin was

re-elected as President of the Recreation and Park Commission for a term of one year. Commissioner Chin

expressed his gratitude to the Commission and was honored to be given a vote of confidence for another year.

He believed it would be an exciting year for the Department and for San Francisco. He complimented the

General Manager and the Commission and stated he would do the best he could as the president for another

year.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Friend, seconded and unanimously carried, Commissioner Murray

was re-elected as Vice President of the Recreation and Park Commission for a term of one year.

Commissioner Murray thanked the Commission and stated that the Commission had a lot of opportunity in

the coming year. He complimented Commissioner Chin on his presidency and looked forward to working

with all the commissioners again this year.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARMENT

Discussion and possible action to approve the Department's Strategic Plan.

Lydia Zaverukha explained the outline of today's presentation to the Commission. She then introduced

Sharon McNamee who went briefly through the planning process, the elements of the plan and some of

the outcomes.

As presented to the Commission over the last several months, the Department has been diligently

working on the Strategic Plan. Strategy Teams concluded their work and an Open House for the Public

and staff was held over two days in October. Comments were gathered from both the staff and the

public. Final reviews were conducted by senior staff. This work has resulted in the final draft of the

current phase of the Strategic Plan presented today.

The Neighborhood Parks Council has secured philanthropic funding from the Gerbode Foundation to

fund the next phase of the Strategic Plan: a collaborative stakeholder process to bring the plan to the

next level. Department staff, as well as other city, state and federal

agencies and community

stakeholders will gather together to review the strategic plan. This process is expected to be concluded

in April with periodic reports to be made to the Commission, as well as presentation of the final

Strategic Plan to include a chapter regarding the stakeholder process.

Sharon then introduced Mike Hegerhorst, Forestry Supervisor in Golden Gate Park and a member of

the Strategic Planning Committee. He stated that one of the reasons he wanted to be on the committee

was to be sure a practical aspect was brought forth from the process. He then discussed maintenance

resources - the goal: to provide staff with the tools and equipment they need to adequately and safely

maintain all park and recreation resources. He also discussed funding and revenue generation - the

goal: to provide the funding necessary to support the department's goals through new approaches to

fundraising and increase revenue generation. Kelly Cornell, Tree Topper Supervisor and a member of

the Strategic Planning Committee, discussed the goal of renovating, acquiring and designing parks

and facilities to include universal design and provide a high quality, safe, sustainable resource that

meet the needs of the community and implement the capital plan. Following Kelly was Jennifer Tom,

Recreation Director of Woh Hei Yuen and a member of the Strategic Planning Committee. She

discussed organizational development - 1) evaluate and modify the organizational structure of the

Department to ensure that it meets the stated goals and accommodates community needs; 2) develop an

accountability program based on measurable performance standards; 3) provide innovative, timely and

equitable training and development opportunities for staff to allow them to refine and develop their job

skills to better meet the needs of the community and 4) maintain adequate staff to perform department

functions and meet customer needs. She also discussed programs, services and facility use - the goal: to

provide high quality and innovative programs and services that respond to the changing needs of all ages

and demographics. The last member to speak was **Debra Holtzman**, Gardener at Dolores Park and a

member of the Strategic Planning Committee. She discussed creating increased partnerships and

volunteer opportunities to leverage the Department's resources to best provide park and recreational

services for the City. She also discussed communications - 1) recommit to a true customer service

orientation by standardizing and mandating customer service training for staff, 2) external

communications and 3) internal communications.

Lydia then discussed the next phase of the strategic planning process - the stakeholder process and

explained how it evolved. She stated the process is slated to start in February and be completed by mid-

summer. The process is still in design, there will be about 60 participants - 30 people from government

and 30 people who are stakeholders, funding organizations, nonprofits district representatives. She

thanked the Commission for their time, the General Manager for her support of the plan and those staff

and public who contributed to the plan.

Isabel Wade, stated that the Neighborhood Parks Council was pleased that the Department had

embraced strategic planning so enthusiastically and congratulated the department and the leadership of

the general manager for launching into this process. She stated that she believed the collaborative part

of the plan will come up with a shared collaborative vision. They are concerned with what the

Commission was being asked to approve and that this is a draft strategic plan not the final document.

Bette Landis spoke in support of the draft strategic plan because it gives a guideline on how to get

things expedited. **Tom Harrison**, union representative with Laborer's Local 261, representing the

laborers and gardeners that work in the parks. He asked for the support of the Commission in moving

the draft plan forward. **Ernestine Weiss** urged the Commission to move the plan forward. **Patrick**

Hannan with the Neighborhood Parks Council shared their concerns with the draft plan: 1) doesn't

necessarily follow the letter of the law of five public hearing, 2) encouraged the Commission to hold off

a few months until the stakeholder process is completed and 3) if approved now, the Department does

not have to go back to the community input phase and incorporate that input into the plan. **Wendy**

McClure with San Francisco Dog owners group. They appreciate being involved in the process and

have suggested ideas and solutions in the process. She did feel however that a lot of the input was

eliminated from the document. She believed the dog policy should be part of the document not separate.

Terry Daniel with the Recreation and Park Department and a member of the organizational

development committee, asked the Commission to adopt the draft strategic plan report and allow the

Department to move to the next phase of the process. **Andrea O'Leary** spoke on the lack of

volunteerism in the plan. She is looking forward to the process of including the volunteers. She also

stated that there is a group of advocates and hopes that these people will be included in the stakeholder

process. **Eula Walters** spoke on the partnerships in the plan - she didn't feel any contracts should be

signed between the Department and corporations or people outside the park because it brings to light

the commercialization of parks. Julie Christensen with Pioneer Park Project raved about the General

Manager, the promise of money for parks, level of community interest in parks and the draft strategic

plan. She stated that she was there to both congratulate the Department and strongly encourage that we

keep going. Marybeth Wallace spoke on behalf of the draft plan, recognized the public participation

and staff efforts. She stated that they looked forward to working further in the area of recreation and

staff training and hoped that the Department would become more integrated with City services

especially the schools. Steven Cismowski, gardener at Oceanview Recreation Center and a member of

one of the teams urged the Commission to approve the draft plan so the Department can move

forward. Cory Calandra spoke as the interim director of SLUG. She stated that the plan was a living

document and offered their support of the plan. Alan Weaver, Co-Chair of the Recreation, Park and

Open Space Advisory Committee. He stated that he was not speaking on behalf of the committee. He

urged the Commission to approve the Draft Strategic Plan. He also recommended that the word

customer be changed to citizen. Brian Block, Director of the San Francisco Clean City Coalition.

Their mission is to keep the City clean and beautiful. They believe that the wealth and quality of parks

in San Francisco is one of those things that makes the City beautiful. He acknowledged the hard work

of the staff on this plan and urged the Commission to approve the draft strategic plan. Keith Grier with

the Recreation and Park Department strongly urged the Commission approve the draft strategic plan and

Â Â wanted to see the stakeholders support the plan. Laura Cavaluzzo with San Francisco Dog Owners'

Â Â Group commended the Department for taking on the process.Â She did state that she felt there was a large

Â Â part missing as it did not include dogs, dog owners recreation groups and installing boxes for cleanup

Â Â bags.Â She urged the Commission to view the plan as a draft plan only. Emeric Kalman requested anÂ

Â Â accounting of howÂ much staff time was used to produce the document to add to the outside cost

Â Â \$250,000. Asked what the mission of the Recreation and Park Department was. Steven Currier agreed

Â Â with the Neighborhood Parks Council in that it should be a draft plan.Â He pointed out some corrections

Â Â he felt should be made. He asked that those people who did not have the opportunity to formally respond

Â Â to the plan be given a couple more weeks. Michael Leo with the Friends of Recreation and Parks spoke

Â Â to the opposition of the plan.Â He believed they were opposed to the way the plan was moving ahead andÂ

Â Â not the content. He stated it was a document in draft, a living document and urged the Commission toÂ

Â Â pass this draft strategic plan. Lea Williams, a truck driver with the Department and a member of the

Â Â Strategic Plan Committee on the Communications team.Â She stated that when she came to the

Â Â Department, people were not happy. Now that they have had an opportunity to become involved in the

Â Â process people are happy, the moral is better and people are smiling again.Â She stated that she is also a

Â Â parent and she wants her daughter to be able to say her mother takes her job seriously and she take the

Â Â things she does for the Department seriously.Â She urged the Commission to also take the strategic plan

Â Â seriously.Â

Â Commissioners Chin, Murray and Newhouse Segal complimented the Department

on the work

Â it did on the plan.

Â On motion duly made by Commissioner Newhouse Segal, seconded and unanimously carried, theÂ

The following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0101-014

Â WHEREAS, The citizens of the City and County of San Francisco voted to approve Proposition C of

Â March 2000; and

Â WHEREAS, Proposition C required the Recreation and Park Department to prepare a Strategic Plan byÂ

Â December 2000; and

Â WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department has developed the draft Strategic Plan over the last

Â nine months, including significant input from the staff and review and input from the public both at

Â Commission meetings and at Department meetings regarding this draft plan; and

Â WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park department has responded to requests from the public by amending

- the strategic planning process to include an enhanced stakeholder process; and

Â WHEREAS, The Strategic Planning process is proceeding in two phases, with the first phase having been

^ completed by December 2000 and the second phase, the enhanced stakeholder process, expected to be^

Â completed by June 2001; and

Â **WHEREAS**, this plan is a dynamic working document, which is meant to be reviewed and revised as theÂ

• An environment evolves and changes, therefore be it

Â **RESOLVED**, That the Recreation and Park Commission does acknowledge, appreciate and support theÂ

Â immense effort expended on this plan by the Recreation and Park Department staff, in conjunction withÂ

Â the contributions from the public to date; and be it

Â **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Recreation and Park Commission does approve this draft Strategic

Â Plan contingent upon the Final Strategic Plan being brought back before the Commission for adoption

Â upon completion of the stakeholder process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donald Bird spoke on his ongoing concerns at Dolores Park - 1) an additional gardener and 2) off leash dogs. John Hurabiell, an attorney representing Al Cavey in regard to a berth issue at the Marina Small Craft Harbor. Al Cavey also spoke on the berth issue at the Marina Small Craft Harbor - the cancellation of his berth at the harbor. Les Goldner spoke of concerns he has with the Harbor Office and the Department in the way that tenants are being treated and gave examples of the problems. Courtney Clarkson also spoke of her concerns in regard to the harbor and spoke in support of Al Cavey and his situation with the berth. Ninno Parker with Community Unity recommended that Kimbel be rebuilt before Hamilton. Emeric Kalman spoke about the privatization of Golden Gate Park - the Beach Chalet deck. He stated he hadn't been given answers to questions about the Beach Chalet. He asked why the Department would let a concessionaire spend time to apply for this negative declaration. Why was this not discussed at the Commission level? And why would Recreation and Park support selling alcohol in the park? How much is the revenue for this building to the Department? Do we have lost revenues or was property destroyed?

ADJOURNMENT

The 760th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur

Commission Secretary

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

761st Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 15, 2001 - 2:00 p.m.

The 761st Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, February 15, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. by President Gordon Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Gordon Chin, President
Gloria Bonilla
Eugene Friend
Larry Martin
Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:

John Murray, Vice President
Bill Getty

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

As reported at the January Commission meeting, the Neighborhood Parks Council has secured philanthropic funding from the Gerbode Foundation to fund the next phase of the Strategic Plan, the Stakeholder Process. Department staff, as well as other city, state and federal agencies and community stakeholders will gather together to review the Draft strategic plan. The list of invited participants from the government follow, as well as a list of community organizations invited to participate in this process. The first meeting for government stakeholders is scheduled for February 23rd and the first meeting for community stakeholders is scheduled for February 24th. All parties will be introduced to the draft strategic plan at these meetings and express their concerns and desires for this process. Subsequent meetings, scheduled at three-week intervals, will conclude in May with a final report from the process expected in June. The meetings are being facilitated by Leon Younger of Indianapolis, well known for his work in the field of recreation and parks. Periodic reports will be made to the Recreation and Park Commission.

RECREATION and PARK LIST for STAKEHOLDER PROCESS

1	Davida Kapler	Gardener
2	Jennifer Tom	Rec Dir
3	Mary King-Gorwky	Admin
4	Linda Woo	Asst Superintendent
5	Adela Baker	Rec Dir
6	Helen Vozelinek	Electrician
7	Debra Holtzman	Gardener
8	Lea Williams	Truck Driver
9	Elizabeth Goldstein	GM
10	Lydia Zaverukha	PM
11	Keith Grier	Rec Dir
12	Mike Mahoney	Plumber

13	Rodrigo Ramirez	Custodian Sup.
14	Ron DeLeon	Superintendent, North
15	Dan McKenna	Act. Superintendent, South
16	Gary Hoy	Director, Capital Division
17	Tom Harrison	Union 261
18	Sup. Ackerman	School District
19	Gordon Chin	RPD Commission
20	Katie Petrucione	Mayor's Office
21	Mike Savage	GGNRA, Dir. Strat. Planning
22	Commander Suhr	SFPD
23	Ed Harrington	Controller's
24	Tom Ammiano	Bd of Sups
25	Jaci Fong	Property Mgmnt
26	Richard Newirth	Art Commission
27	Ed Lee	DPW
28	Jim Morales	Redevelopment Agency
29	Michael Burns	MUNI
30	Doug Wong	Port Authority
Alternates:		
31	Nanni Colloretti	MOCYF
32	Gerald Green	City Planning
33	Mindy Lenetsky	Beacon Ctr
34	Francisca Vietor	DOE
35	Bevan Dufty	Mayor's Office Neighborhood Services

Community Stakeholders

SF Chamber of Commerce
 Friends of Altz Plaza
 North Beach Parks and Rec
 SPUR
 On Lok Senior Health Services
 Friends of Recreation and Park
 Precita Valley Neighbors
 District 4 Representative
 Beacon Center, Western Addition
 Friends of Buena Vista Park
 Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund
 Mission Economic Development Association
 The Fred Gellert Family Foundation
 South West Mission Neighborhood Association
 Friends of McLaren Park
 District 10 Representative
 SF DOG
 Planning Association of the Richmond
 Friends of Glen Canyon Park
 Western Addition Community Unity
 Friends of Julius Kahn Park
 Friends of Lake Merced
 Miriam & Peter Haas Fund
 District 6 Representative
 Mission YMCA
 Walter & Elise Haas Fund
 Friends of Excelsior Playground
 San Francisco Boys and Girls Club

San Francisco Bicycle Coalition
Van Der Ryn Architects
Friends of Buena Vista Park
Coleman Advocates for Youth
Friends of Duboce Park

Bayview-Hunters Point Community Revitalization Concept Plan – Informational Presentation

The San Francisco Redevelopment Agency and the Bayview-Hunters Point Project Area Committee (PAC) are pleased to submit the Final Draft Text of the Bayview-Hunters Point Community Revitalization Concept Plan. The development of the Bayview-Hunters Point Community Revitalization Concept Plan is the result of a collaborative community effort to develop a unified and comprehensive vision that guides the implementation of plans, programs and projects to be located within the Bayview Hunters Point Planning Area (see attached map and description submitted by the Redevelopment Agency).

The economic, social, education, physical planning and environmental programs included within the report are comprehensive and will set the community standard for development of recreational programs and capital improvements for recreation and open space within its plan areas. The report provides specific recommendations developed by the PAC including: the creation of new recreation parks and sports facilities; restoration and enhancements of public access to water front; developing sustainable approaches to open space planning, design and maintenance; the creation of a green infrastructure systems; improvements and maintenance of existing parks and facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department; and enhancements to and expansion of Department Recreation Programs (see Open Space and Waterfront Chapter, page 124-139).

Implementation of the community vision regarding open space and waterfront will be guided by a *“Framework Open Space Program.”* The *Framework Open Space Program* will formally be a part of a proposed Bayview-Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan scheduled for approval by December 2001. It will be designed to match the goals, strategies and guidelines of the Revitalization Concept Plan and will serve to guide the implementation of public projects and programs in its plan area over the next 30 years. It will identify possible funding sources for projects, recommendations for use of existing program resources, and chart City activities.

The Framework Open Space Program is also intended to coordinate actions by multiple City and state agencies, non-profits and community-based organizations regarding Bayview-Hunters Point open space and recreation system. City agency coordination will involve the activities of its many departments including the Mayor’s Office, the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, Planning Department, Department of Public Works and the Recreation and Park Department. Strategies resulting from the Framework Open Space Program may include: identifying and/or designating sites for open space and recreational facilities; developing funding sources and strategies for capital improvements and land acquisitions; jurisdictional transfer of lands from other agencies to the Recreation and Park Department to improve access to open space and recreational services; strategies to improve operation and maintenance of Department facilities; and identifying new and improvements to recreation programs.

Portsmouth Square Dedication

Tuesday, January 30th marked the dedication of the new clubhouse at Portsmouth Square. This is the final phase of the 3-phase, 10-year plan. The festivities included a lion dance by the Wu Yee Children, and an adult version by Gee Yung International. Mayor Brown officiated the ribbon cutting along with Supervisor Aaron Peskin, Commission President Gordon Chin and Commissioners Lynn Newhouse Segal and Eugene Friend. Reverend Norman Fong with the Chinatown Community Development Center was the MC. There were many people from the community in attendance. The Fire Department, Police Department and the Recreation and Park Department distributed information on activities available to the public at the new clubhouse.

Clean City Summit

Thursday, February 1st was San Francisco's first Clean City Summit. The event was hosted by DPW and was held at Pacbell/Yerba Buena Center. The keynote speaker was Tony Hiss from New York City who is an author and has written several books about restoring America's cities and landscapes. About 20 people from the Department attended. Following the keynote speaker we broke into groups surrounding key issues such as Partnerships in Action, Effective Education and Prevention, Code Enforcement, and Youth and a Clean City. Following lunch, and another speaker we heard the findings from all of the groups. DPW Director Ed Lee presented Local Hero awards individuals and organizations that have made a significant contribution to making San Francisco a better place to live.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 2001. **RES.NO. 0102-015**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend the following gifts valued at \$658,500.00: **RES. NO. 0102-016**

- 1) \$50,000.00 from the Friends of Moscone Park and Recreation Center for safety matting in Moscone Park
- 2) \$600,000.00 from the bequest of Mr. Byron O. Dorn, Jr. for the Recreation and Park Department to be used for the maintenance and improvement of existing parks
- 3) A grand piano valued at \$8,500.00 from Mr. David Keane for use in the Fay Park House.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. **RES. NO. 0102-017**

Purchase From

Animal Connection	6 unknown sex green tree frogs
2550 Judah Street	\$60.00
San Francisco, CA	

RESOLVED, That this Commission does authorize the Department to submit a grant application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board for a 00/01 Park Playground Accessibility and Recycling Grant Project for improvements at South Sunset Playground. **RES. NO. 0102-018**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award of a \$348,571.00 construction contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Alpha Bay Builder's, Inc., for the construction of the Balboa Park Restrooms. **RES. NO. 0102-019**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a new revocable permit for Haight Ashbury Cooperative Nursery School for the use of the Grattan Playground Clubhouse. **RES. NO. 0102-020**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a two day performance, "Moon of the Scarlet Plums", by the theatre of Yugen & Noh at the Japantown Peace Plaza in San Francisco's Japantown on September 14 and 15, 2001 in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the peace treaty between Japan and the United States. Yugen & Noh is also requesting a modified sound permit for September 14, 2001 from 2:30 to 4:30 PM (Sound Check) and 8:00 to 10:00 PM (Performance) and on September 15, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Sound Check) and from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 8:00 to 10:00 PM (Performances). This is a free event for approximately 500 people. **RES. NO. 0102-021**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the preliminary children's play area improvement plan at South Sunset Playground. **RES. NO. 0102-022**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a proposed amendment to the South End Rowing Club's by-laws. **RES. NO. 0102-023**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does authorize the General Manager to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Department of Human Services to operate a computer learning center in former Office of Emergency Services modules with such changes to the draft MOU as the parties shall negotiate and as the City Attorney shall approve. **RES. NO. 0102-024**

GENERAL CALENDAR

BEACH CHALET, L.P. FIRST LEASE AMENDMENT

The Beach Chalet building was built in 1925, and in 1980 the building was given the status of national landmark by the U. S. Department of Interior. From 1980 the building stood vacant until 1996. Several times in the intervening years the Department attempted to find a Lessee for the building that would share the responsibility of restoring and opening the facility. In 1996, as a result of joint efforts of the City and the Lessee, the Beach Chalet restoration project was completed. The current Lessee, Beach Chalet L.P., began operating the restaurant and brewery on the second floor of the Beach Chalet building on December 31, 1996. The Lessee desires to construct a deck and food service area, which shall be located behind the rear entrance of the Beach Chalet building.

The original lease had the City constructing a "Back Garden in a manner conducive for the establishment of a seated service area for the Lessee" at the City's expense. That has not happened and, in keeping with the Department's desire to increase a legitimate presence and reduce illicit activity in that West end area with minimal effect on the natural setting, the Department is encouraging construction of the deck. The Lessee will be responsible for the construction of the deck and food service area and, if approved, the City will authorize a rent credit for half of the construction costs with a ceiling put on the City's contribution.

The Lessee has received the Negative Declaration from the Planning Department's Office of Environmental Review determining that this project would not have significant effect on the environment. In anticipation of approval by the Commission and the Board of Supervisors, the Lessee has completed the General Plan Referral application and is applying for a Certificate of Appropriateness and Coastal Zone Permit.

In order to accomplish the construction of the Deck, staff is proposing that the City agree to pay for half of the construction costs to a maximum of \$218,750. The City's payment will come in the form of a rent credit of \$55,000 per year until the available credit reaches zero, which will occur in the fourth year. The Original Lease called for the City to receive an additional two and one half percent per year in temporary reduction in the increase in percentage rent for the sales of alcoholic beverages and miscellaneous items by one percent is in consideration of the Lessee financing the construction, constructing the Deck, and paying one half of the cost of construction of the Deck.

The proposed amendment represents an opportunity to have the deck constructed and expand the food service area of the Beach Chalet, thereby maximizing the rental revenue to the City under the current Lease. The amendment further defines Gross Receipts and puts limitations on what is the maximum allowable discount for discounted meals or beverages and requires Lessee to pay past due rent due to disallowed discounts taken in the past. It also outlines the conditions and amount of the rent credit for construction. The Amendment further requires that separate deduct meters be installed to determine the City's water usage apart from the Lessee's usage so that the City can reimburse the Lessee for past usage. Finally, since Lessee is not the owner of the building, they were unable to secure insurance for the Demised Premises and the City has insured the building since occupancy. Lessee will be paying its share of the insurance premiums including reimbursing the City for past premiums due.

Mary Anne Miller with stated her concerns with the deck, the orientation of the deck, the parking problem, the justification of liquor sales at the Beach Chalet and the inadequacy of restrooms. **John Laskin** asked who was paying for the improvements. **Donna Bero** with the Friends of Recreation and Parks added background and context to the item. **Andrea O'Leary** stated that she thought it was unrealistic to have someone sit and not order food/beverage on the deck.

Staff from the Department and representatives from the Beach Chalet L.P. then answered additional questions of the Commission. **President Chin** suggested that some of the revenues should go back to the building of the deck. **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** asked for a commitment added to the lease, that the garden area be an area to let people sit and eat and have a take out area.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0102-025**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the First Lease Amendment to the existing Beach Chalet Lease to amend specific sections and to add general provisions required by City Law and include the liability insurance change to \$2 million.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT - APPROVAL OF FY 2001-02 BUDGET

This item was presented by Mary King-Gorwky, Finance Operations Director. She gave an overview of what was in the budget book: 1) program descriptions of the 12 programs in the Department, 2) the performance measures for the programs, 3) a general description of the Department's involvement in the pilot project pursuant to the Performance and Review Ordinance of 1999, 4) the capital plan, 5) achievements with the draft strategic plan and generally the stakeholder process the Department is entering, 6) detailed justifications by program on the equipment needs for next fiscal year, 7) revenue and line item expenditures detailed as pursuant to controller requirements, and 9) information on the collaboration that has lead to the draft budget.

She gave a detailed presentation on the second draft revised FY 2001-02 budget: 1) a review of the committee meetings, 2) revenues and expenditures, 3) equipment information and 4) an overview of the capital budget as anticipated for next fiscal year.

Mary Beth Wallace, asked about the absorption of COLA's, children's programs, where the programs fit in the budget and would like to move towards district budgeting. A member of Youth Making A Change thanked the Department for its commitment to help get a lease signed they have been working on. **Isabel Wade** commented and made suggestions on the process and the format of what was presented to the public on the budget. **Mary Anne Miller** reaffirmed the previous speaker's comments.

After detailed questions, on motion duly made by **Commissioner Chin**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0101-026**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's budget for FY 2001-02.

3COM – MULTI-MEDIA MUSIC AND DANCE CONCERTS

Clockwork Events LLC has requested the use of 3Com Park as the venue for three Multi-Media Music and Dance Concerts this summer. This estimated attendance for each event is 30,000 people.

The cost to attend the event will be from \$30 to \$40 depending upon date of purchase. The Department has received Licensee's \$15,000 deposit for the three events. Full payment of the \$80,000 License fee and a \$100,000 security deposit to cover any potential damages and the reimbursable expenses will be made two weeks in advance of each event pending the Recreation and Park Commission and San Francisco Police Department approval.

The events will feature dance arenas with music (a mixture of live and DJ performances) and incorporate sports, electronic entertainment and carnival elements. The arenas will be set up on the perimeter of the field using four tent structures that will accommodate the attendees and will also house the entertainment. An acoustical engineering firm will be retained to ensure compliance with sound level restrictions in the area and to qualify for a S. F. Police Department Amplified Sound Permit. Parking Lot L will have canopy structures set up to house additional activities. There will be a merchant zone adjacent to the entertainment areas where small novelty items, clothing, simple food and water will be sold. Small-scale sports demonstrations and interactive game producers with exhibits by some commercial participants may be included in one of the arenas. The main activity will take place in the stadium area and a smaller canopy will be located in Lot L for some additional activity. No alcohol or cooking will be allowed.

The Licensee will provide their own security personnel, first aid facility and S. F. fire marshals. They will provide portable toilets to be placed between the tents. The San Francisco Police Department will provide security for the entrance and the perimeter of the stadium.

The Licensee would pay \$80,000 per event, with a total of \$240,000.

Jim Rueben stated that the 49ers were supportive of alternative uses at 3Com Park and requested that it come back to the Commission if there are additional concerts during the football season.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Chin**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0102-027

RESOLVED, That this Commission does authorize the General Manager to approve a License for the use of 3Com Park for the purpose of exhibiting three Multi-Media Music and Dance Concerts: Saturday May 26, 2001 from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 AM on Sunday May 27, 2001, Saturday, June 16, 2001 from 7:00 PM until 6:00 AM on Sunday June 17, 2001, and Saturday July 7, 2001 from 7:00 PM until 6:00 AM on Sunday July 8, 2001.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN UPDATE 2000-2002

Deborah Alvarez presented the 2000-2002 Children's Service Plan Update from the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families to the Recreation and Park Commission.

Public Comment

John Laskin spoke on the Harding Golf Course and an article from the newspaper stating that the Mayor may suggest financing part of the course through a revenue bond and his suggestion of this about a year ago. **Warren Wong** spoke on his concerns and problems he has with the harbor office. **Donald Bird** spoke on Delores Park and establishing a legal off leash dog area in that park. **Andrea O'Leary** stated that they were very anxious to hear the off leash dog policy and a letter in the Independent complimenting Department staff. **Les Goldner** spoke about a list of grievances they have with the harbor staff.

The Commission adjourned because of a lack of quorum at 4:00 p.m.

The 761st Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Special Meeting
Tuesday, March 20, 2001 - 2:00 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Tuesday, March 20, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. by President Gordon Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Gordon Chin, President
John Murray, Vice President
Gloria Bonilla
Bill Getty

Absent:

Eugene Friend
Larry Martin
Lynne Newhouse Segal

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President Chin announced that item number 4H would be heard as a separate item.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Getty, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 2001.
RES. NO. 0103-028

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend various gifts from the Friends of Recreation and Parks valued at \$ 328,790.00.
RES. NO. 0103-029

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.
RES. NO. 0103-030

Purchase From

Alpacas by the Sea
1162 Tamarind Street
Montara, CA 94037

2 male Alpacas
\$1800/pair

S & B Farms
125 Lynch Road
Petaluma, CA 94952

4 female Barbados sheep
\$240/group

S & B Farms
125 Lynch Road
Petaluma, CA 94952

10 unknown sex Indian runner ducks
\$40/group

East Bay Vivarium
1827-C 5th Street
Berkeley, CA 94710

2 male garter snakes
\$64.50/pair

Howmack Ranches, Ltd
2632 Ptarmigan Drive, #2
Walnut Creek, CA 94595

1 female Scottish Highland cow
\$400.00

Robin Lynde
7811 N. Meridian
Vacaville, CA 95688

3 female Jacob sheep
\$300/group

Donation From

Honolulu Zoo
151 Kapahulu Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96815

1 female hunting dog
Donation – (already here)
USDA:95-C-0001

Stephan Ward
529 34th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94121

1 male chinchilla
Donation

Napa County Animal Shelter
942 West Imola Avenue
Napa, CA 94559

4 female rabbits
Donation

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Consent to Assignment of Golden Gate Park Golf Course Lease from Arnold Palmer Management, L.L.C. to Global Golf retroactive to March 1, 2001.

RES. NO. 0103-031

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Consent to Assignment of the Lincoln Park Golf Course Lease from Arnold Palmer Golf Management, L.L.C. to Yugi Golf Management L.L.C.

RES. NO. 0103-032

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution authorizing the General Manager to approve a month-to-month management agreement for the operation of the Harding Park Golf Complex retroactive to March 1, 2001.

RES. NO. 0103-033

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the First Lease Amendment to the existing Theatre Bay Area Lease to amend specific sections and to add general provisions required by City Law.

RES. NO. 0103-034

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors the approval to apply, to accept and expend a grant from the Northern California Grantmakers for Summer Youth Projects.

RES. NO. 0103-035

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a community garden at Father Boeddeker Park.

RES. NO. 0103-036

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve: (a) the design of a donor plaque from the Pioneer Park Project on the Commission-designated recognition wall at Coit Tower, and (b) a gift-in-place of the donor plaque, valued at \$4,900, from the Pioneer Park Project, a community organization.

RES. NO. 0103-037

RESOLVED, That this Commission does: (a) approve a conceptual improvement plan for a community garden; and (b) request the Department of Public Works to vacate an unimproved portion of the Ramsell Street right-of-way, located south of Shields Street, for the

construction of a wheelchair-accessible ramp required for the construction of the community garden, and as an extension of Brooks Park.

RES. NO. 0103-038

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual improvement plan for the play area at Brotherhood/Head Mini Park.

RES. NO. 0103-039

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to apply, accept and expend \$3,684,500 in grants from the State General Fund in Fiscal Year 2000-01 as follows: \$295,500 to stabilize and restore Sunnyside Conservatory; (b) \$394,000 for the restoration of the John Muir Way Fishing Pier at Lake Merced; and (c) \$2,995,000 for the restoration and rehabilitation of structures and landscape at the Palace of Fine Arts.

RES. NO. 0103-040

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to apply, accept and expend \$689,000 in grants from the State 2000 Bond Act in Fiscal Year 2000-01 as follows: a)\$500,000 for capital improvements to the National AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park; and (b) \$189,000 for a youth mural art project in Bayview-Hunters Point (\$94,500) and the Recreation and Park Department's Youth Stewardship Program (\$94,500).

RES. NO. 0103-041

GIFT POLICY

Elizabeth Goldstein stated that this item was reviewed at the Finance Committee and was recommended for approval on the consent calendar of this Commission meeting. The reason it was removed is because the legal limits for the General Manager to accept a gift on behalf of the Department is no longer \$5,000. It is now \$10,000. Commissioner Chin noted that the \$10,000 is applicable to all City Departments not just the Recreation and Park Department. He also noted that although this policy will give the General Manager the authority to accept all gifts less than \$10,000, the General Manager has stated that any gift she may feel deserves public attention, scrutiny and discussion would be brought to the Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Chin, seconded and unanimously carried the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0103-042

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve amendments to the Recreation and Park Department's Gift Policy.

PARCEL 4

This item was presented by Marvin Yee. Parcel 4 is city-owned property located at the northeast corner of the Great Highway/Balboa Street intersection. It is under the joint jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department and the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) through the Clean Water Program. Under the Clean Water Program, the site was used for construction staging of the Richmond Transport Project, after which the Recreation and Park Department is responsible for improving and maintaining the site as recreational open space.

In January 1997, the Recreation and Park Commission approved a conceptual plan for Parcel 4. This plan emphasizes naturalistic restoration, site access, and user amenities. Furthermore, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) is proposing to maintain Parcel 4 improvements are implemented.

In support of the conceptual plan, the California Coastal Conservancy awarded a \$100,000 grant to the Friends of Recreation and Parks for native-habitat restoration and trail development. The Friends of Recreation and Parks is proposing to use the grant to provide a gift-in-place to the Recreation and Park Department. Since the gift is valued at more than \$10,000, acceptance of the gift would require Board of Supervisors approval.

In conjunction with the grant award to the Friends, the California Coastal Conservancy is requesting that each participating agency enter into an agreement for the following purposes:

- To protect the public interest in construction and development accomplished with Conservancy funds, as required by California Public Resources Code Section 3116 (c)
- To ensure public access; and
- To qualify the Friends of Recreation and Parks with limited tort immunity under California Government Code Section 831.2, 831.4, 831.7 and 831.25.

Nicholas Weeks with the GGNRA added that they are in the conceptual stage of the design and because the parcel is actually in the authorized boundaries of the GGNRA, they are in a consultation role with all parties to ensure that improvements and the access is consistent with the National Park Policies. He then answered questions of the Commission. Mike Leo with the Friends of Recreation and Parks spoke in support of the item.

After discussion and questions of the Commission, on motion of Commissioner Getty, seconded and unanimously carried the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0103-043

RESOLVED, That this Commission does: (a) To recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend a gift-in-place from the Friends of Recreation and Parks funded through a Coastal Conservancy Grant, and (b) To authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the Friends of Recreation and Parks, California Coastal Conservancy, and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, with such changes to the draft agreement as the parties shall negotiate and as the City Attorney shall approve, and contingent upon acceptance of a gift-in-place by the Board of Supervisors as per Item (a) above.

ESPRIT PARK

This item was presented by Bob McDonald. In 1998 the Recreation and Park Commission and Planning Commission awarded priority one status to purchase Esprit Park, an existing, fully-developed park two acres in size from Esprit Corporation. This park was originally constructed in 1982 next to Esprit's corporate headquarters in the Potrero Hill neighborhood. Since 1998 the Recreation and Park Department has been banking funds towards the purchase of this privately owned site but has however fallen short of the nearly \$10 million purchase price.

In an effort to secure Esprit Park for public use and open space the Mayor's Office and the Redevelopment Agency have been working on an agreement with Esprit Corporation to exchange exaction fees on a parcel they plan to develop at Mission Bay for Esprit Park.

The terms of the proposed agreement are as follows:

- Esprit de Corp will donate to the City's Recreation and Park Department, at no cost, the Esprit Park parcel, appraised at \$10 million.
- The Redevelopment Agency will enter into an Owner Participation Agreement with Esprit regarding their Mission Bay parcel. As consideration for the donation of Esprit Park to the City, the OPA will exempt Esprit from City Planning Code exactions on the development of this parcel, including the Office Affordable Housing Production Program fee and the child care fee. At the current level of these fees and assuming full build-out their parcel, the foregone fees would total approximately \$3.7 million.
- Under the OPA, Esprit will pay the state mandated school facilities fee, and will participate in the Mission Bay Public Art Program. Esprit will also participate in the Community Facilities District maintenance costs for Mission Bay Open Space.
- The OPA will allow Esprit to return to the Agency Commission for approval of a specific scope of development and architectural design for their parcel during the next 10 years. The OPA will provide for Esprit's participation in the Agency's Equal Opportunity Programs.

The environmental review for the project was prepared under the FY 1997-1998 Open Space Program. The acquisition of land was deemed Categorically Exempt – Class 25, *State Guidelines Section 15325. Transfers of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space.*

On behalf of the Department, **Bob McDonald** thanked the Mayor's Office and the Redevelopment Agency for putting together this innovative agreement that benefits the Recreation and Park Department and the residents. He introduced **Jesse Blout** with the Mayor's Office of Economic Development who discussed the Mayor's involvement in this agreement and thanked all the parties involved in the agreement. **Amy Neches** with the Redevelopment Agency discussed the Agency's role and expanded on the agreement.

Frank Kingman presented several photographs representing the park to the Commission, explained the role that Friends of Esprit Park has played and urged them to approve the resolution. **Lynn Brown** thanked the Commission for its support and reassured the Commission that the Friends of Esprit Park will continue to participate as it has in the past. **Mariuccia Iaconi** thanked the General Manager, the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor and the Commission for their support and urged that the Commission pass the resolution. **Bette Landis** urged the Commission to support the resolution.

On motion of **Commissioner Getty**, seconded and unanimously carried the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0103-044

WHEREAS, Esprit Park is a privately owned park located on Potrero Hill between Minnesota, Indiana, 19th and 20th Streets, financed and constructed by Esprit de Corp. in 1982, and

WHEREAS, Esprit Park includes a city block over 2 acres in size, improved with mature plantings of trees and shrubs, a running track, benches and picnic tables, paracourse fitness stations, walking paths and over an acre in open rolling lawns, and

WHEREAS, Esprit Park is extensively used by residents of Potrero Hill and the Third Street Corridor, and **WHEREAS**, In December, 1996, the new owners of Esprit de Corp. declared Esprit Park surplus and their intention to sell the land to developers; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Commission and Planning Commission jointly approved the acquisition of Esprit Park for open space, designating it a priority one acquisition site in its 1997-1998 Open Space Report, and

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department and the Friends of Esprit Park have been working to secure funding to purchase Esprit Park but has been unable to bank adequate funding; and,

WHEREAS, Esprit de Corp owns a major office development parcel in the Mission Bay Redevelopment Area, and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Mayor's office, the Redevelopment Agency and Esprit have recently developed an agreement to donate Esprit Park to the City's Recreation and Park Department at no cost to the City in exchange for exempting Esprit from City Planning Code exactions on any development of their Mission Bay parcel within the next 10 years, and

WHEREAS, The current level of these fees and assuming full build-out of their Mission Bay parcel, the foregone fees would total approximately \$3.7 million dollars, and

WHEREAS, Esprit Park has been appraised at approximately \$10 million dollars, which exceeds the amount of development fees foregone, and

WHEREAS, The current needs for parks and open space in the eastern portion of San Francisco continues to be a high priority as this area is developed with residential and commercial uses; and,

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department has budgeted one gardening position in its Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Budget for Esprit Park to ensure its maintenance by the City, and

WHEREAS, The terms of this agreement is subject to approval by the Redevelopment Agency Commission and the Board of Supervisors before this land can be transferred to the Jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission urges the Redevelopment Agency Commission for approval of the proposed owner participation agreement with Esprit de Corp regarding their Mission Bay Parcel and as consideration for the donation of Esprit Park to the City, exempt Esprit from City Planning Code exactions on any development of that parcel within the next 10 years; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to accept Esprit Park after the approval of the agreement by the Redevelopment Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That once this agreement is approved and signed and the City has accepted the land; Esprit Park is to be placed under the Jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department in order to fulfill its requirements under Proposition C for land acquisitions and procurement of open space for the City and County of San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

David Anderson, Director of the San Francisco Zoo presented this item to the Commission. He stated that this item had been presented to the Commission previously. The request had been to increase the admission fee by \$1.00 across the board and at that time the Commission did approve the increase for non-residents. The Commission also requested that the Zoo consider other options and hold further hearings on the proposed increase.

Before presenting fee increase options to the Commission, he briefly went through a presentation of the zoo construction program. He then proposed that the Commission increase the fee for adults by \$1.00 – not children, youth or seniors.

Marybeth Wallace with Coleman Advocates opposed the fee increase. She stated that children come with their parents and they would like to make the zoo as accessible as possible to families. Entrance by San Francisco residents has declined in the last year so we should be making easier not harder for families to go to the zoo. **Leotis Foster** a volunteer at the zoo with the animal research center spoke in support of the fee increase. **Crystal Nicole Bicoll** a volunteer at the zoo also spoke in support of the fee increase. **Jacque Grose** a docent at the zoo shared the costs she incurred while visiting the Phoenix Zoo, Wildlife Zoo, Brookfield Zoo, Honolulu Zoo and the San Diego Zoo. She stated that there are high city salaries and that working with animals is highly specialized. She discussed family memberships and the free days the zoo offers. **Philip Carleton** clarified his previous comments in regard to the salaries at the Oakland Zoo but stated that he believed the salaries at the San Francisco zoo may still be excessive when you look at the Oakland Zoo. He also stated that he had been in Harlingen - the zoo there has 1600 animals and the entrance fee was \$6.50. In 1998 the residents did pass a \$78 million bond which they are paying for. He stated that he still opposed the increase and asked which part of the zoo budget the fee increase would finance. He stated that in a Budget Analyst Report from a 1993 meeting of the Board Efficiency and Labor Committee that David Anderson had said there was no reason not to anticipate that the Zoological Society wouldn't raise sufficient funds for the zoos operating costs. He believed that the zoo was still not addressing the issue of how to make it more accessible to families. **David Anderson** responded that the fee increase would go into the funds that pay for general zoo operations – animal supplies, animal keepers and staff.

President Chin reconfirmed that the fee increase would be \$1.00 for adult fees but freezing, children, seniors and youth. **Commissioner Bonilla** stated that she is torn on the fee increase because of the investments that are being made by the residents of San Francisco on the capital projects. However, she is very heartened by the improvements that the zoo was making. She also stated that the zoo has considered every possible way of trying to do what they need to do to make the capital project happen. She stated that what convinced her to approve this increase is that the fee for children, youth and seniors will not be increased. **Commissioner Murray** stated that at best his support for this fee was reluctant. He stated that he has visited several zoos including the Chicago Zoo which is free. He stated his concerns about the increase and stated that if it were approved he would not want to see further fee increases during his tenure on the Commission. **Commissioner Chin** associated himself with the previous comments by both Commissioner Bonilla and Commissioner Murray. He asked for clarification on the suggestions that were made two months ago at the Commission on the various free programs were still on the table not withstanding the current proposal. **Mr. Anderson** responded that those programs – taking the fee off the children's zoo on free day, allowing San Francisco children to come in free in the late afternoons, readjusting the school workdays to provided one or two on Saturday, making available several hundred family memberships for San Francisco families that have a difficult time affording to come to the zoo. All of these programs are in effect. President Chin stated that he believed the zoo had made a good effort given the discussion two months ago, in terms of the original proposal, the separation of the resident fees and now an additional compromise on children, youth and seniors. He stated that he too, hoped they would not be asking for another increase next year. He felt that \$65 was a lot for a family and would like the zoo to do professional demand studies to see what the optimum of family rates and other rates might be given the increase demand that was expected. He also requested that the Commission be given the exact number of free family passes that would be handed out this year. He stated that Coleman had requested 1,000.

On motion of **Commissioner Bouilla**, seconded and unanimously carried the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0103-045

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the proposed Gate Fee Increase at the San Francisco Zoo of \$1.00 for San Francisco resident adults.

GOLDEN GATE PARK GOLF COURSE, LINCOLN PARK GOLF COURSE, MCLAREN PARK GOLF COURSE AND SHARP PARK GOLF COURSE

Jaci Fong, Director of Property Management presented this item to the Commission . She stated that at the Finance Committee meeting staff was asked to prepare a bid schedule for the Department's golf courses. As the interim agreements were now in place, the Department was looking forward to going out to bid for the properties. The Department had hoped to be out to bid on a couple of the courses already as there was expectation that the Harding Park project would be further along. She stated that because of the deficit of availability of golf in San Francisco, the Department was reluctant to have more than one course closed at a time. She then presented the schedule with the Commission and explained the bidding process that would come back to the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donald Bird discussed off leash dogs in Mission Delores Park, the four options for a dog area in the park and his opposition to three of those options. **Andrea O'Leary** Sunnyside Parks and Neighbors discussed their scooter event – she stated that by discussing this they were demonstrating a need that had not been met. She discussed the stakeholders process and the events the Association has held. **Carrie Dipman** with the Treasure Island Homeless Development Initiative gave an update to the Commission and requested that an item be put on a future calendar in regard to recreation activities on Treasure Island. **Reola Freeman** spoke about junior golf programs.

Public Comment on Closed Session

Lou Perrone encouraged the Commission to speed up the process on Harding/Fleming Golf Courses and more public disclosure. He also stated that there is no accountability out there. **David Rea** a Board of Director of the Lincoln Park Men's Club Golf Course, stated that the members are dissatisfied with the course and reiterated what both of the two previous speakers stated.

The Commission adjourned into closed session at 3:42 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Commission returned to open session at 4:20 p.m.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Chin**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission finds it in the best interest of the public not to disclose its closed session deliberations regarding existing litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

On the request of Commissioner Chin the meeting was adjourned in memory of Robert Burton.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and
Park Commission was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, April 19, 2001 - 2:00 p.m.

The 762nd Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 19, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. by President Gordon Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Gordon Chin, President

John Murray, Vice President

Gloria Bonilla

Eugene Friend

Bill Getty

Larry Martin

Lynne Newhouse Segal

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Chin announced that items 10 and 11 were removed from the calendar. Under the President's report, Commissioner Newhouse Segal announced that the regular meetings of the Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee is on the first Wednesday of each month at McLaren Lodge, 2:00 p.m.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Supervisor Aaron Peskin has introduced a resolution to the Board's Finance Committee requesting that Parcels 202 and 203, referred to as Ferry Park, be transferred to the Recreation and Park Department. This park, divided in jurisdiction between the Department of Real Estate, the Public Utilities Commission and the Recreation and Park Department, is an open space and park, currently maintained by the Recreation and Park Department. Transfer of this property into the Jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department would not create any new or additional impacts to the operation budget of the Department, as it has been maintaining this space for the City since the 1970's.

The Department of Real Estate is currently working with the Coevolution Institute to initiate a conceptual plan for the development of portions of Block 202 and 203 under its jurisdiction for a Butterfly Discovery Park. The plan proposes constructing a multi-level Butterfly Park, with commercial, office educational and meeting space, related to this use. The plan calls for leaving portions of the site under the Recreation and Park Department's jurisdiction as open space, that could be developed as a passive open space area, leading up to the entry of the new facility.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report for this project has been published, with a public comment period ending on May 8, 2001. Recreation and Park Department staff is currently reviewing this document and will be commenting on potential impacts and areas of concern as it relates to the development of this open space and its potential impacts on properties under the Department's jurisdiction.

Ferry Park: work recently began to reopen the closed portion of Davis Street between Clay and Washington Streets. Sixteen trees were removed. The project is managed by the Department of Public Works (DPW) on DPW property. RPD maintains the surrounding open space as a park.

Portsmouth Square: there was a threat telephoned to the police on March 21 that prompted the evacuation of Portsmouth Square and other facilities, and searches were conducted in many parks. Staff handled the situation very well. I want to have emergency plans for each facility frequently reviewed at in-service trainings.

San Francisco will be sending both girls and boys basketball, swimming, tennis, and golf teams to compete in the 34th annual Youth Games in Birmingham Alabama this summer, August 1st - 5th. Coaches have been selected and open tryouts will begin after Easter. The selected youth athletes and their coaches will march into the Rotunda for a photo op with the Mayor at City Hall, Friday, July 20, 12:30 p.m. for the official Send-off Party.

An executive organizing committee will begin assembly at a meeting with the mayor at city hall May second. This Committee will work with the department to ensure the implementation of a successful Youth Games here in San Francisco the summer of 2003.

The Director of Marina Operations Ed Ross was released from his position at the beginning of April. We hope to continue our progress on rebuilding the harbor and to find a replacement for Mr. Ross as soon as possible. We will work diligently to select a manager who will build public confidence, improve harbor tenant relations and advance the rebuilding of the harbor.

The Capital Division successfully obtained a release of funds from this year's budget to begin the process of hiring sixteen new employees. Twelve of these employees will be professionals responsible for the design and development of the projects proposed in the Capital Plan. In addition, four other positions were approved to build the financial team needed to secure funding from various grants and legislation including both the State Bonds and Federal Programs. The addition of these individuals will help to accelerate the delivery of those projects indicated in year one and two of the Capital Plan.

TRIPS

For the third consecutive year, Recreation Directors from the J. P. Murphy Playground have taken a group of children to Sierra at Tahoe ski resort. This year, 18 children were along for the overnight trip on April 8th and 9th.

CONTRIBUTIONS

None this month

She introduced **Robin Wadsworth** with the Project Insight staff who introduced visitors from France through Project Insight.

Emerie Kalman spoke on the Marina Operations and the replacement of the Harbor Master. He asked if the position was a special assistant or a civil service position.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Murray**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 20, 2001.

RES. NO.0104-046

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

RES. NO. 0104-047

Donation From

Humane Society of Sonoma County
P.O. Box 1296
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

One male European ferret
Donation

Lindsay Wildlife Museum
1931 First Avenue
Walnut Creek, CA 94569

One unknown sex common crow
Donation

Anonymous

Two unknown sex Western toad
Donation

Purchase From

Chaffee Zoo
894 West Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728-2891

One female nyala
Purchase
\$500.00

Ain't No Creek Ranch
1655 Union Avenue
Chicago Heights, IL 60411-3502

Three male African hedgehogs
Purchase
\$300.00

North American Cream Draft Horse
703 South Third
Bozeman, MT 59715

One male cream draft horse
Purchase
\$3,000.00

Loan To

Memphis Zoo
2000 Galloway
Memphis, TN 38112

One female Francois langur
Loan

Sale To

Sedgwick Zoo
5555 Zoo Boulevard
Wichita, KS 67212-1698

One male brush turkey
Sale \$100.00
48-C-0005

Hemker Wildlife
P.O. Box 262
Freeport, MN 56331

One male grey kangaroo
Sale
\$500.00

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award of a \$1,694,452.00 construction contract to the lowest responsive bidder Alpha Bay Builder's Inc., for the Golden Gate Park Restroom project. **RES. NO. 0104-048**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award of a \$520,264.00 construction contract to the lowest responsive bidder Alpha Bay Builder's, Inc. for the Japanese Tea Garden Restroom Upgrade project. **RES. NO. 0104-049**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a modification to the Recreation and Park Department's Golf Reservation Integrated Voice Response System. **RES. NO. 0104-050**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase in green fees based strictly on cumulative CPI increases since July 1995 to become effective on the first of the month immediately following approval by the Board of Supervisors. **RES. NO. 0104-051**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award for the management and operation of the Pushcart concession to N.Y. Frankfurter Co. **RES. NO. 0104-052**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does authorize the General Manager to approve a license for the use of a portion of the parking lot at 3Com Park for the purpose of an all night Multi-Media Dance and Media Festival. **RES. NO. 0104-053**

GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS COURTS

The Good Tidings Foundation in partnership with the Olympic Club of San Francisco would like to refurbish the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts for the citizens of San Francisco. The Projects would include court resurfacing and painting. Citizens from throughout the City as well as neighborhood residents utilize this site for tennis matches and instruction. However, the courts also provide opportunities for youth tennis matches and school tournaments, lessons for citizens of all ages and abilities, and regional tennis tournaments. Unfortunately, the site is in need of significant repairs.

The Department's Planning and Structural Maintenance staff would approve and inspect the proposed renovations. All aspects of the projects would be completed in conformance with the City Charter and applicable laws. It is estimated the project would take three weeks to complete, during which time the courts would be closed for use by the public. Signs would be posted directing the public to the closes available Recreation and Park Department tennis court. The value of this gift if estimated at \$85,000.00.

The Good Tidings Foundation has recently renovated the Excelsior and Panhandle basketball courts and the Crocker Amazon Baseball Complex. These past projects have resulted in improved facilities for the citizens of San Francisco.

On motion of **Commissioner Segal**, seconded and unanimously carried the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0104-054**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept and expend a gift-in-place for the renovation of the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts by the Good Tidings Foundation.

JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA

The group, Swords to Plowshares, a nonprofit organization that assists Vietnam veterans, has requested permission to install a plaque containing the names of 163 San Franciscans who were killed in the Vietnam War. The plaque would be 24" by 48" in size and made of cast bronze. This is an increase in size from the original request so that the names would appear in a type-size large enough to easily read. It is proposed to be mounted on a low concrete wall on the north side of the Market Street pedestrian mall that bisects Justin Herman Plaza, near the Embarcadero roadway. Justin Herman Plaza was the venue of *The Traveling Wall*, a portable replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D C. The plaque and its installation would be donated by Swords to Plowshares.

The San Francisco Arts Commission reviewed and approved the design and placement of the plaque on April 18, 2001.

The estimated value of the plaque and installation is approximately \$3,000.00 and would be a gift from Swords to Plowshares, as would long term care and maintenance of the plaque.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Chin**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0104-055**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the placement of a plaque in memory of Vietnam Veterans at Justin Herman Plaza.

GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS COURTS

Since 1996, beginning mid-June and lasting until mid-August, the Department has issued a permit for providing tennis instructions to the youth of the City. The instructions are given by qualified tennis professionals under the guidance of the Permittee. The Department does not offer any such program through its recreation programs. The highlights are: 1) instructions are given either in 3-hour morning (\$180.00 per week) or 2-hour afternoon (\$125 per week) sessions for one week, 2) term of the permit is June 25 through August 24, 2001 contingent upon the completion of renovation work on the tennis courts, or nine weeks from the actual commencement date, excluding July 30 through August 3, 2001, 3) the permit fee is 20% of the gross receipts, and 4) the permit requires a \$1,000.00 security deposit and a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 General Liability Insurance.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Murray**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0104-056**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Permit for the Operation of Youth Tennis Instructions at the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

As part of an ongoing improvement program, the Department has been allocating funds to improve athletic courts, pathways and other paved surfaces throughout the park system. The proposed project includes improvements to several athletic courts and pathways within seven different park facilities. Those facilities are: 1) Mountain Lake Park, 2) Rossi Playground, 3) Louis Sutter Playground, 4) Miraloma Playground, 5) Head Street Mini Park, 6) Herz Playground and 7) West Sunset Playground. In addition to the paving component to the project, this contract includes Americans with Disability improvements to restroom facilities, drinking fountains and path of travel.

Four competitive bids were received through the Department of Public Works. The lowest responsible bid of \$862,000.00 was received from Huey Construction Management Co., dba M.H. Management Construction Co., a minority and locally owned business.

This project was reviewed as part of the 2000-01 open Space Program and was found to be categorically exempt from environmental review under guidelines of CEQA.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Murray**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0104-057**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of bid to M.H. Construction in the amount of \$862,000.00 for the resurfacing of various athletic courts and the renovation of restrooms to comply with ADA.

SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS

In 1987 the City entered into an agreement with Sony Corporation to furnish the City with what was then state-of-the-art scoreboards and Jumbotron display equipment. This was one of the first agreements of its kind. The Agreement was unique in that it granted Sony the right to sell advertising within the 3Com Park for a period of time to amortize the cost of the equipment, maintenance of the equipment and operating costs. As additional consideration, the City was the recipient of excess revenue generated above these operating costs. The equipment is now fully amortized, and our agreement with Sony expires as of March 31, 2001.

The conclusion of the Sony Contract provides the Department with an additional source of revenue to make certain needed repairs to the Stadium. However, because new advertising contracts must be in place soon for the 2001 season, time is of the essence.

Under the proposed agreement, the 49ers will maintain and operate the jumbotron scoreboard, and auxiliary scoreboards. In consideration of this agreement, the 49ers have agreed to pay the Department a base fee of \$110,000.00 and to perform two capital repair projects at 3Com Park, that would otherwise be the responsibility of the Department under its lease with the Forty-Niners. As mutually agreed upon by the parties; these projects include the sandblasting and repair of "the wedge section" and repairs to the auxiliary scoreboard. The term of the contract is for one year. If advertising revenue exceed \$1,200,000m Excess Revenue shall first be used to pay for any cost overruns in performing the Capital Repair Projects, and the, to pay the 49ers an administrative fee of \$54,000. Any additional Excess Revenue shall be split evenly by the City and the 49ers. The Department will receive less advertising revenue than budgeted during the next fiscal year under this proposal. However, the required expenditures will also decrease, thus the net benefit to the Department during the next fiscal year will be \$69,320.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Friend**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0104-058

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the terms and conditions of a scoreboard advertising and operation agreement at 3Com Park between the Recreation and Park Department and the San Francisco 49ers and to authorize the General Manager to execute the final agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackie Norman a resident in Bayview Hunters Point, spoke in opposition to the notice she received on the all night dance and musical festival. She stated that several other residents would have been here if they were not working. She stated she did not want any fireworks going off and felt that the residents needed to be included in discussions. **Emeric Kalman** spoke in regard to the energy mandate and requested information on how the Department implemented it. He requested information on the budget and if the Department expected and budget reductions. **Philip Carleton** questioned why numerous lights on JFK Drive were on during the day. He also stated the Claridon Alternative School students wrote several letters to both the Zoo and Department staff but had never received a response. He stated that a teacher he had spoken with did not believe this was not a good lesson in civic responsibility. He also discussed his concerns in hiring a replacement for the Southern Area Supervisor – Golden Gate Park.

CLOSED SESSION

Francis McCall, Friends of Muni Golf spoke in opposition to the privatization of municipal golf courses, of the fee increases at Golden Gate Park Golf Course and believed that the same would be coming for the other courses. He requested that they be included in the dialog on the courses.

Elizabeth Goldstein presented a resolution of appreciation to Kevin Shay.

The Commission adjourned into closed session at 3:05 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Commission returned to open session at 4:13 p.m.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Getty, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0104-059

RESOLVED, That this Commission finds it in the best interest of the public to disclose its closed session deliberations.

Commissioner Murray stated that the Commission was terminating the prior RFP and all of the discussions with the people who were party to that. The reason that we were terminating the prior RFP is

that none of parties could live up the proposals that were submitted to the Department. He also stated that a number of options would be evaluated and that Elizabeth Goldstein would be discussing those at the upcoming hearing of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The 762th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and
Park Commission was adjourned in memory of Bob
Mahoney at 4:25 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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ROLL CALL

Present:

Gordon Chin, President

Gloria Bonilla

Eugene Friend

Larry Martin

Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:

John Murray, Vice President

Bill Getty

President Chin announced that item 4C was removed from the calendar and item 4K
was moved to the general calendar.**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**Elizabeth Goldstein gave a brief legislative report.Â She introduced Mario Avendano
who gave a detailed report on the energy conservation measures.Â

This update looks at the ways that Rec. and Park is addressing the current energy crisis and working to meet Mayor Brown's call for a 5% energy use reduction by the summer and a 10% reduction by the following year. PGE energy usage data from February, March and April is not yet available. However, based on our recent communication with the PUC, the February and March data could be available in a week or two. This memo covers the work that has been done and the Department's intended future course in energy conservation.

Rec. and Park's Energy Conservation Program has been in existence since 1986. Beginning in that year, the Department was selected as a pilot department tasked to undertake a massive plan to replace all incandescent lighting with fluorescent lighting. This entailed tremendous amount of both interior and exterior lighting work. An infusion of funding in 1993 and 1994 expressly for energy conservation was used to convert seven (7) swimming pools, fifteen (15) recreation centers and dozens of playground field lighting systems to T-8 fluorescent and metal halide fixtures which replaced the less efficient mercury and incandescent lights. These aggressive approach to energy conservation measures has been very successful and has netted significant savings to the department ever since. Currently, all recreation facilities operated by Rec. and Park use fluorescent lighting in large public areas. The few incandescents that still remain, in small areas such as storerooms and custodial closets, are now being replaced by compact fluorescent lighting (CFL). New CFL designs in recent years have produced bulbs that provide lighting output similar to the large wattage incandescents, making one-to-one replacement simple. The ten-fold increase in cost will be made up by future energy savings and by the longer lamp-life of fluorescents.

As well as replacing the few remaining incandescent lights, the department is continually replacing T-12 fixtures with T-8 fixtures. The T-8 fixtures use two-thirds of the electricity of the older T-12 fixtures. Because of the labor and material costs involved, the replacement of these fixtures will take place as the older T-12's quit working.

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At approximately 40 recreation centers and parks, we have replaced the mechanical clocks with battery back-up clocks to save the stored times during blackouts. Electricity is saved by not having the lights on during non-needed hours, and eliminating the need for workers to go around and reset the clocks after each blackout saves labor. Additionally, we are installing photocells for certain lights so that they will act independently of any time clocks and will respond only to the amount of daylight.

In addition to the quality of lighting, Rec. and Park is looking at how to better control the lighting usage. Numerous large rec. centers have been designed so that the lights operate continuously. They are turned on in the morning and then off again at night. We are looking at different types of lighting controls such as occupancy sensors and alternate switching to ensure that the lights are only on when needed. The department has met with a lighting consultant from Newcomb Anderson Associates to determine how best to control the lighting in certain heavy-use facilities. We are targeting six of these large rec. centers for a concerted energy reduction effort.Â

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We are also in the process of installing programmable thermostats at facilities throughout the City. These thermostats ensure that the furnaces will not function during off-hours. This saves natural gas.

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In the past two years, eight boilers have been either replaced or retrofitted at Rec. Centers. These facilities include McLaren Lodge, Rosa Parks, Beach Chalet, Camp Mather, Palega R/C and Chinese Rec. This retrofitting or replacement is estimated to save approximately 20% on gas and electricity charges. This work is on-going and will continue to represent a savings to the City.

The Department is also exploring alternative means of powering our facilities. Already a solar-powered boiler unit is in use at Mission Pool and the Department hopes to develop other non-fossil fuel sources in the future.

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While Rec. and Park considers all possible avenues for energy reduction, our first priority remains public safety which means that certain outdoor lighting must remain on during the night hours and day time lighting at the facilities must meet certain minimum lighting standards. Our pools and buildings must remain heated, when necessary, and essential pumping stations must remain operational. Given these caveats, we still strive to reduce energy usage by securing non-essential units such as waterfalls and fountain pumps and close monitoring of irrigation booster pumps operation.

The most important electrical savings will come from conservation consciousness. Rec. and Park along with other City Departments is working to educate their workforce and the public about the need to use energy wisely. On March 21st, we issued a memo to Rec. and Park supervisors about energy consciousness. We asked these supervisors to ensure that the energy reduction means are passed on to the various rec. directors, gardeners, custodians, etc. Some rec. centers have been very diligent in keeping unneeded lights off, while others require additional coaching. It is our goal and our hope that with continued education, energy savings consciousness will be a part of every employee's routine at work and at home.

Other items in the general manager's report were as follows:

As a result of the passage of Proposition C in March 2000, the Recreation and Park Department is required to prepare an Operational Plan by December 1, 2001. The plan will detail proposed improvements to the Department's services and responsiveness to customer and staff needs. The annual Operational Plan will serve as a tool for improving the operational efficiency of the Department and will include measurable performance standards for the Department.

Beginning in February 2001, a small working group made up primarily of senior management has been researching and generating the methodology and timeline for developing an Operational Plan for the Recreation and Park Department. The working group has been reviewing Operations Plans from other municipalities, has been reviewing and reorganizing the draft Strategic Plan in order to better place like operational strategies together, and has created an Organizational Planning database, among other activities.

Using the Strategic Planning process as a model for the development of the Operations Plan, the same committee or team model will be used. This was a highly successful method for developing the draft Strategic Plan and its continuation is supported throughout the Department. The teams will be organized by Strategic Directions along with the establishment of a Steering Committee organized as a cross representation of the Department. Professionals in Recreation and Park issues will be

brought in to periodically review the plan through a peer review process as the Operations Plan is being developed by Department staff. These professionals will also be used as peer reviewers to the small working group. Periodic reports will be made to the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC) and to the Recreation and Park Commission.

The working group plans to solidify the approach and timeline in early summer. An Open House will then be organized in order to inform both the staff and the public of the working model for the development of the Operations Plan. Teams will begin meetings mid summer and a first draft of an Operations Plan is expected in the fall.

Mr. Kelly Cornell has been appointed as the new manager for the Urban Forestry Division. Mr. Cornell has been with the Department for over 19 years in the forestry division and provides a unique and comprehensive understanding to this important Department program.

L.I.F.E. - a program representing continuing efforts to maintain staff's focus on occupational injury and illness prevention. The detailed report was given to the Commission for review in their packets.

The Recreation and Park Department is currently working with the Department of the Environment to assess the feasibility of using "Biodiesel" in our diesel fueled vehicle fleet. Biodiesel is a nonpolluting fuel produced from recycled vegetable oil such as is used in the fast food industry. This feasibility study was requested by a Board of Supervisors Ordinance and will identify the impacts of using biodiesel in the City's vehicle fleet.

John Laskin spoke on the energy conservation measures. He commented on the expertise of the staff to advise on these measures.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Ernestine Weiss commented on 4G. She explained the problems that the residents had and requested that the Commission not approve any requests for amplified sound for small neighborhood parks.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Newhouse Segal, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Meeting of April 2001.

RES. NO. 0105-060

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RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the

San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

RES. NO. 0105-061

Purchase From

Marine World
One male, two female gray kangaroos

2001 Marine World Parkway
three male kangaroos

Vallejo, CA
94589
\$2,250.00/group

USDA 93-C-0021

Oakland Zoo
Two female reticulated giraffe

P.O. Box
5238
\$50,000.00

Oakland, CA
94605
93-C-0005

Lowry Park Zoo
One female prehensile-tailed porcupine

7530 North Blvd.
\$350.00

Tampa, FL
33604
USDA 58-C-0089

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of construction contract to Bauman

Landscape, Inc. in the amount of \$570,630.00 for the expansion and renovation of the

West End play area in Moscone Playground.

RES. NO. 0105-063

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of contract to Bauman Landscape, Inc. in the amount of \$1,796,889.00 for infrastructure improvements around Golden Gate Park's South Perimeter and Crossover Drive.

RES. NO. 0105-064

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the installation of a bronze plaque on the façade of the lawn bowling clubhouse which will recognize its 100th anniversary of the San Francisco Lawn Bowling Club.

RES. NO. 0105-065

RESOLVED, That this Commission does deny a request by Story Road Consulting to produce a free Sunday monthly concert (the last Sunday every month from March through October, 2001) at Justin Herman Plaza with a modified sound permit requesting amplified sound from 12:00Â to 6:00 p.m.

RES. NO. 0105-066

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve RhodyCo Productions' request for the following road closures for the "See Alice Run" event in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, June 17, 2001: 1) full closure of Transverse from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 2) full closure of the westbound lane of MLK Drive from Transverse to Middle Drive from 9:15 to 10:00

a.m. RES. NO. 0105-067

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve RhodyCo Productions' request for the following additional road closures for the 24th Annual Home Depot San Francisco Half Marathon & Z95.7 5k Run in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, January 27, 2002: 1) Full closure of MLK Drive from Bernice Rogers to Lincoln Way by the Great Highway.

RES. NO. 0105-068

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the design plans for the Murphy Windmill Reconstruction.

RES. NO. 0105-069

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

The Entrance and Zoo Street projects include the new West Parking Lot on the former site of the Fleishacker Pool, the Entry Village comprised of the Guest Services building providing ticketing, security and cart rental, a restroom building and a gift shop, the Zoo Street West pedestrian promenade from the entry to the approximate center of the Zoo, and the new Panorama Caf  . New restroom buildings are also planned for the Children's Zoo and the Play Field.

The Lemur Forest will be a new exhibit providing visitors views of lemurs in a natural habitat. A walkway into the canopies of an existing grove of eucalyptus trees

surrounded by a moat will lead to three observation deck overlooking new animal aviaries, offering the visitor a chance to participate in interactive and educational activities.Â Animal holding facilities are provided below the walkway that leads to the second level of the Primate Discovery Center.Â

The award of contract would be to Pacific Engineering Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$13,277,000.00.

Philip Cohen with Carpenters Local 22 spoke on this item urging the Commission's support.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Bonilla , seconded and unanimously carried,
the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0105-073

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award of construction contract for the Zoo Street and Lemur Forest to Pacific Engineering Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$13,277,000.00 subject to the resolution of final details by the General Manager.

3COM PARK

The City enters into agreements with Licensees that require the field at 3Com Park be protected when an event includes activity that could damage the turf.Â GenTac, a subsidiary of Clockwork Events, a current Licensee with an agreement to exhibit three dance and music events at 3Com, has purchased approximately 80,000 square feet of product to cover the field.

GenTac seeks to rent storage space at 3Com Park to store the Product for use by Clockwork Events for their events at 3Com Park. The product would also be available to rent by other Licensees that are required to protect the field with an approved product. The Recreation and Park Department would have right of first refusal of the product use on prescheduled dates with a minimum of 60 days notice of either party for Department activities only. The term of the Permit would be one year. Revenue to the Department in Rental Fees is \$14,400.00 per year with a security deposit of \$1,000.00

GenTac would purchase and own the product, would assume all liability, and shall provide insurance coverage with respect to damage to the Product while stored in the Permit Area.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Newhouse Segal, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0105-070

RESOLVED, That this Commission does authorize the General Manager to approve and enter into a permit

for the rental of storage space at 3Com Park for the purpose of storing Covermaster Forum Flooring

("Product"), one of the approve field cover products for 3ComPark.

GARFIELD SQUARE

Garfield Square is located in the Mission District at 25th Street and Treat Avenue.Â Play equipment in the existing play area is not compliant with the Consumer Product Safety Commission's guidelines for playground safety, nor is it wheelchair accessible.

The Department held a community meeting to review the proposal for a renovation plan.Â The supported plan illustrates two sub-areas for each age group: 2-5 year olds and 6-12 year olds separated by groupings of wood posts.

The tot area on the westerly side would include a play structure and bucket-seat swings.Â The children's play area would contain a play structure, climbing wall, whirl and belt-seat swings.Â The play areas will be covered with rubber surfacing, except for a sand play space.Â Naturalistic colors and material for the play equipment will be specified.Â A green, vinyl-coated chain link fence will surround the entire play area.Â The play area will be made wheelchair accessible.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Newhouse Segal, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:Â Â Â Â
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RES. NO. 0105-071

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual renovation plan for the play area at GarfieldÂ Square.

HARDING/FLEMING GOLF COURSE

Harding Park and Fleming Golf Courses were once great municipal course, but due to extensive deferred maintenance and the cumulative effects of years of insufficient capital investment, they have deteriorated badly.Â The Department strongly believes that the citizens of San Francisco deserve to enjoy the best possible municipal golf course and facilities at a rate that is affordable for the citizens of San Francisco, and therefore have recommendedÂ that the course be renovated.

StaffÂ has determined that the costs of properly restoring the Harding Park Golf complex would be approximately \$15 million. Staff presented a detailed presentation on the following items and requested feedback and direction from the Commission. Currently the greens fees are \$1,766.000 with expenses at \$1,250,000 leaving a revenue of \$516,000.Â An estimated cost for the course only came to \$5,150,000.Â Thus it would take approximately 10 years to complete a phased project.Â Elizabeth Goldstein reminded the Commission that excess revenues from golf courses goes into other programs for the public and the support services for those programs.Â If this money were to go back into the golf courses, the Department would either have to cut existing programs or find an additional \$516,000 for these programs.

Dan McKenna, Gary Hoy and Jaci Fong presented detailed information on the pros and cons of project phasing followed by Sarah Hollenbeck from the Mayor's Office of Public Finance to discuss the public financing options.

Dan McKenna spoke to the environmental and operational issues related to a phased approach: 1) water management, 2) weed management, 3) integrated pest management, 4) resource protection plan, 5) equipment,

6) additional staff and 7) a new maintenance facility.Â Gary Hoy spoke on the planning implications:1) lack of continuity,) difficulty with the timing of specific items throughout the year, 3) phased approach does not address the major infrastructure problems, 4) financial implications and 5) frustration of golfers. Jaci Fong discussed:1) the expense of public financing on the phased project and 2)

programming and the loss of the First Tee Program. Sarah Hollenbeck discussed the alternatives that may be available to the Department with respect to the financing of the two courses. She focused on issuing revenue bonds that would be secured by the Open Space Fund and revenue bonds that would be secured by either the revenues of the courses alone or the entire golf course system operated by the Department.

John Laskin stated he was impressed with the presenters and suggested that the Department not spend the revenues from the golf courses on other programs in the Department but recommended it be put into a fund for the future capital project. Reola Freeman urged the Commission to move forward not using a phased plan. John Squire spoke against the phased plan.

Following detailed discussion and on motion duly made by Commissioner Friend, seconded and unanimously carried the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0105-072

RESOVLED, That this Commission does direct staff to explore with expert assistance, models of public financing for a single complete renovation of the Harding Park Golf Complex.

President Chin requested a timeline for additional information. Elizabeth Goldstein stated that staff would go to the community in two to three weeks.

Public Comment

David Graves spoke in regard to an appeal he has brought to the Department against a natural areas program denial of three areas he would like preserved for young children to work in and that are ecologically intact. The following members of the public then spoke in support of Mr. Graves request: Ruby Stein, Rachel Whiteside on behalf of Neighborhood Parks Council, Charlotte Hill, Bronwen Trice of Supervisor Gerarado Sandoval's office, Tom Zerucha and Barbara Densch. President Chin stated that this item would be calendar for the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The 763rd Regular Meeting of the Recreation and

Park Commission was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur

Commission Secretary



San Francisco Recreation & Park Department

May 20, 2001
Public Notices

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Special Meeting

Tuesday, March 20, 2001 - 2:00 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Tuesday,

March 20, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. by President Gordon Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Gordon Chin, President

John Murray, Vice President

Gloria Bonilla

Bill Getty

Absent:

Eugene Friend

Larry Martin

Lynne Newhouse Segal

President Chin announced that item number 4H would be heard as a separate item.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Getty, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting

of February 2001.

RES. NO. 0103-028

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend various gifts from the Friends of Recreation and Parks valued at \$ 328,790.00.

RES. NO. 0103-029

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the

San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

RES. NO. 0103-030

Purchase From

Alpacas by the
Sea
2 male Alpacas

1162 Tamarind
Street
\$1800/pair

Montara, CA 94037

S & B
Farms
4 female Barbados sheep

125 Lynch
Road
\$240/group

Petaluma, CA 94952

S & B
Farms
10 unknown sex Indian runner ducks

125 Lynch
Road
\$40/group

East Bay
Vivarium
2 male garter snakes

1827-C 5th
 Street
 \$64.50/pair

Howmack Ranches,
Ltd.
1 female Scottish Highland cow

2632 Ptarmigan Drive,
#2
\$400.00

[illegible]

7811 N.
 Meridian
 \$300/group

Donation From

Honolulu
 Zoo
 1 female hunting dog

151 Kapahulu
 Avenue
 Donation - (already here)

Honolulu, HI
 96815
 USDA:95-C-0001

Stephan
Ward
1 male chinchilla

Avenue 529 34th
 Donation

San Francisco, CA 94121

4 female rabbits

942 West Imola
Avenue
Donation

Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Napa, CAÂ 94559

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Consent to Assignment of Golden Gate Park Golf Course Lease from Arnold Palmer Management, L.L.C. to Global Golf retroactive to

March 1, 2001.

RES. NO. 0103-031

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Consent to Assignment of the Lincoln Park Golf Course Lease from Arnold Palmer Golf Management, L.L.C. to Yugi Golf Management L.L.C.Â Â

RES. NO. 0103-032

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution authorizing the General Manager toÂ

approve a month-to-month management agreement for the operation of the Harding Park Golf

Complex retroactive to March 1,

RES. NO. 0103-033

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the First Lease Amendment to the existing

Theatre Bay Area Lease to amend specific sections and to add general provisions required by City

Law.

RES. NO. 0103-034

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors the approval to apply, to accept and expend a grant from the Northern California Grantmakers for Summer Youth

[illegible]

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a community garden at Father Boeddeker Park.

RES. NO. 0103-036

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve: (a) the design of a donor plaque from the Pioneer

Park Project on the Commission-designated recognition wall at Coit Tower, and (b) a gift-in-

place of the donor plaque, valued at \$4,900, from the Pioneer Park Project, a community

organization. RES. NO. 0103-037

RESOLVED, That this Commission does: (a) approve a conceptual improvement plan

for a community garden; and (b) request the Department of Public Works to vacate an unimproved portion of the Ramsell Street right-of-way, located south of Shields Street, for the

construction of a wheelchair-accessible ramp required for the construction of the community

garden, and as an extension of Brooks Park. RES. NO. 0103-038

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual improvement plan for the play area at Brotherhood/Head Mini Park. RES. NO. 0103-039

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to apply, accept and expend \$3,684,500 in grants from the State General Fund in Fiscal Year 2000-01 as follows: \$295,500 to stabilize and restore Sunnyside Conservatory; (b) \$394,000 for the restoration of

the John Muir Way Fishing Pier at Lake Merced; and (c) \$2,995,000 for the restoration and rehabilitation of structures and landscape at the Palace of Fine Arts.

RES. NO. 0103-040

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to apply, accept and expend \$689,000 in grants from the State 2000 Bond Act in Fiscal Year 2000-01 as follows: a) \$500,000 for capital improvements to the National AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate

Park; and (b) \$189,000 for a youth mural art project in Bayview-Hunters Point

(\$94,500) and the Recreation and Park Department's Youth Stewardship Program (\$94,500).

RES. NO. 0103-041

GIFT POLICY

Elizabeth Goldstein stated that this item was reviewed at the Finance Committee and was recommended for approval on the consent calendar of this Commission meeting. The reason it was removed is because the legal limits for the General Manager to accept a gift on behalf of the Department is no longer \$5,000. It is now \$10,000. Commissioner Chin noted that the \$10,000 is applicable to all City Departments not just

the Recreation and Park Department. He also noted that although this policy will give the General Manager the authority to accept all gifts less than \$10,000, the General Manager has stated that any gift she may feel deserves public attention, scrutiny and discussion would be brought to the Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Chin, seconded and unanimously carried the following resolution was

adopted: RES. NO. 0103-042

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve amendments to the Recreation and Park Department's Gift Policy.

PARCEL 4

This item was presented by Marvin Yee. Parcel 4 is city-owned property located at the northeast corner of the Great Highway/Balboa Street intersection. It is under the joint jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department and the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) through the Clean Water Program. Under the Clean Water Program, the site was used for construction staging of the Richmond Transport Project, after which the Recreation and Park Department is responsible for improving and maintaining the site as recreational open space.

In January 1997, the Recreation and Park Commission approved a conceptual plan for Parcel 4. This plan emphasizes naturalistic restoration, site access, and user amenities. Furthermore, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) is proposing to maintain Parcel 4 improvements are implemented.

In support of the conceptual plan, the California Coastal Conservancy awarded a \$100,000 grant to the Friends of Recreation and Parks for native-habitat restoration and trail development. The Friends of Recreation and Parks is proposing to use the grant to provide a gift-in-place to the Recreation and Park Department. Since the gift is valued at more than \$10,000, acceptance of the gift would require Board of Supervisors approval.

In conjunction with the grant award to the Friends, the California Coastal Conservancy is requesting that each participating agency enter into an agreement for the following purposes:

To protect the public interest in construction and development accomplished with Conservancy funds, as required by California Public Resources Code Section 3116 (c)

To ensure public access; and

To qualify the Friends of Recreation and Parks with limited tort immunity under California Government Code Section 831.2, 831.4, 831.7 and 831.25.

Nicholas Weeks with the GGNRA added that they are in the conceptual stage of the design and because the parcel is actually in the authorized boundaries of the GGNRA, they are in a consultation role with all parties to ensure that improvements and the access is consistent with the National Park Policies. He then answered questions of the Commission. Mike Leo with the Friends of Recreation and Parks spoke in support of the item.

After discussion and questions of the Commission, on motion of Commissioner Getty, seconded and unanimously carried the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0103-043

RESOLVED, That this Commission does: (a) To recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend a gift-in-place from the Friends of Recreation and Parks funded through a Coastal Conservancy Grant, and (b) To authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the Friends of Recreation and Parks, California Coastal Conservancy, and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, with such changes to the draft agreement as the parties shall negotiate and as the City Attorney shall approve, and contingent upon acceptance of a gift-in-place by the Board of Supervisors as per Item (a) above.

ESPRIT PARK

This item was presented by Bob McDonald. In 1998 the Recreation and Park Commission and Planning Commission awarded priority one status to purchase Esprit Park, an existing, fully-developed park two acres in size from Esprit Corporation. This park was originally constructed in 1982 next to Esprit's corporate headquarters in the Potrero Hill neighborhood. Since 1998 the Recreation and Park Department has been banking funds towards the purchase of this privately owned site but has however fallen short of the nearly \$10 million purchase price.

In an effort to secure Esprit Park for public use and open space the Mayor's Office and the Redevelopment Agency have been working on an agreement with Esprit Corporation to exchange exaction fees on a parcel they plan to develop at Mission Bay for Esprit Park.

The terms of the proposed agreement are as follows:

Esprit de Corp will donate to the City's Recreation and Park Department, at no cost, the Esprit Park parcel, appraised at \$10 million.

The Redevelopment Agency will enter into an Owner Participation Agreement with Esprit regarding their Mission Bay parcel. As consideration for the donation of Esprit Park to the City, the OPA will exempt Esprit from City Planning Code exactions on the development of this parcel, including the Office Affordable Housing Production Program fee and the child care fee. At the current level of these fees and assuming full build-out their parcel, the foregone fees would total approximately \$3.7 million.

Under the OPA, Esprit will pay the state mandated school facilities fee, and will participate in the Mission Bay Public Art Program. Esprit will also participate in the Community Facilities District maintenance costs for Mission Bay Open Space.

The OPA will allow Esprit to return to the Agency Commission for approval of a specific scope of development and architectural design for their parcel during the next 10 years. The OPA will provide for Esprit's participation in the Agency's Equal Opportunity Programs.

The environmental review for the project was prepared under the FY 1997-1998 Open Space Program. The acquisition of land was deemed Categorically Exempt - Class 25, *State Guidelines Section 15325. Transfers of ownership of interests inland in order to preserve open space.*

On behalf of the Department, Bob McDonald thanked the Mayor's Office and the Redevelopment Agency for putting together this innovative agreement that benefits the Recreation and Park Department and the residents. He introduced Jesse Blout with the Mayor's Office of Economic Development who discussed the Mayor's involvement in this agreement and thanked all the parties involved in the agreement. Amy Neches with the Redevelopment Agency discussed the Agency's role and expanded on the agreement.

Frank Kingman presented several photographs representing the park to the Commission, explained the role that Friends of Esprit Park has played and urged them to approve the resolution. Lynn Brown thanked the Commission for its support and reassured the Commission that the Friends of Esprit Park will continue to participate as it has in the past. Mariuccia Iaconi thanked the General Manager, the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor and the Commission for their support and urged that the Commission pass the resolution. Bette Landis urged the Commission to support the resolution.

On motion of Commissioner Getty, seconded and unanimously carried the following resolution was

adopted: RES. NO. 0103-044

WHEREAS, Esprit Park is a privately owned park located on Potrero Hill between Minnesota, Indiana, 19th and 20th Streets, financed and constructed by Esprit de Corp. in 1982, and

WHEREAS, Esprit Park includes a city block over 2 acres in size, improved with mature plantings of trees and shrubs, a running track, benches and picnic tables, paracourse fitness stations, walking paths and over an acre in open rolling lawns, and

WHEREAS, Esprit Park is extensively used by residents of Potrero Hill and the Third Street Corridor, and

WHEREAS, In December, 1996, the new owners of Esprit de Corp. declared Esprit Park surplus and their intention to sell the land to developers; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Commission and Planning Commission jointly approved the acquisition of Esprit Park for open space, designating it a priority one acquisition site in its 1997-1998 Open Space Report, and

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department and the Friends of Esprit Park have

been working to secure funding to purchase Esprit Park but has been unable to bank adequate funding; and,

WHEREAS, Esprit de Corp owns a major office development parcel in the Mission Bay Redevelopment Area, and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Mayor's office, the Redevelopment Agency and Esprit have recently developed an agreement to donate Esprit Park to the City's Recreation and Park Department at no cost to the City in exchange for exempting Esprit from City Planning Code exactions on any development of their Mission Bay parcel within the next 10 years, and

WHEREAS, The current level of these fees and assuming full build-out of their Mission Bay parcel, the foregone fees would total approximately \$3.7 million dollars, and

WHEREAS, Esprit Park has been appraised at approximately \$10 million dollars, which exceeds the amount of development fees foregone, and

WHEREAS, The current needs for parks and open space in the eastern portion of San Francisco continues to be a high priority as this area is developed with residential and commercial uses; and,

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department has budgeted one gardening position in its Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Budget for Esprit Park to ensure its maintenance by the City, and

WHEREAS, The terms of this agreement is subject to approval by the Redevelopment Agency Commission and the Board of Supervisors before this land can be transferred to the Jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission urges the Redevelopment Agency Commission for approval of the proposed owner participation agreement with Esprit de Corp regarding their Mission Bay Parcel and as consideration for the donation of Esprit Park to the City, exempt Esprit from City Planning Code exactions on any development of that parcel within the next 10 years; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to accept Esprit Park after the approval of the agreement by the Redevelopment Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That once this agreement is approved and signed and the City has accepted the land; Esprit Park is to be placed under the Jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department in order to fulfill its requirements under Proposition C for land acquisitions and procurement of open space for the City and County of San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

David Anderson, Director of the San Francisco Zoo presented this item to the Commission. He stated that this item had been presented to the Commission previously. The request had been to increase the admission fee by \$1.00 across the board and at that time the Commission did approve the increase for non-residents. The Commission also requested that the Zoo consider other options and hold further

Before presenting fee increase options to the Commission, he briefly went through a presentation of the zoo construction program. He then proposed that the Commission increase the fee for adults by \$1.00 - not children, youth or seniors.

President Chin reconfirmed that the fee increase would be \$1.00 for adult fees but freezing, children, seniors and youth. Commissioner Bonilla stated that she is torn on the fee increase because of

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see what the optimum of family rates and other rates might be given the increase demand that was expected. He also requested that the Commission be given the exact number of free family passes that would be handed out this year. He stated that Coleman had requested 1,000.

On motion of Commissioner Bonilla, seconded and unanimously carried the following resolution was

adopted: **RES. NO. 0103-045**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the proposed Gate Fee Increase at the San Francisco Zoo of \$1.00 for San Francisco resident adults.

GOLDEN GATE PARK GOLF COURSE, LINCOLN PARK GOLF COURSE, MCLAREN

PARK GOLF COURSE AND SHARP PARK GOLF COURSE

Jaci Fong, Director of Property Management presented this item to the Commission. She stated that at the Finance Committee meeting staff was asked to prepare a bid schedule for the Department's golf courses. As the interim agreements were now in place, the Department was looking forward to going out to bid for the properties. The Department had hoped to be out to bid on a couple of the courses already as there was expectation that the Harding Park project would be further along. She stated that because of the deficit of availability of golf in San Francisco, the Department was reluctant to have more than one course closed at a time. She then presented the schedule with the Commission and explained the bidding process that would come back to the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donald Bird discussed off leash dogs in Mission Delores Park, the four options for a dog area in the park and his opposition to three of those options. Andrea O'Leary Sunnyside Parks and Neighbors discussed their scooter event - she stated that by discussing this they were demonstrating a need that had not been met. She discussed the stakeholders process and the events the Association has held. Carrie Dipman with the Treasure Island Homeless Development Initiative gave an update to the Commission and requested that an item be put on a future calendar in regard to recreation activities on Treasure Island. Reola Freeman spoke about junior golf programs.

Public Comment on Closed Session

Lou Perrone encouraged the Commission to speed up the process on Harding/Fleming Golf Courses and more public disclosure. He also stated that there is no accountability out there. David Rea a Board of Director of the Lincoln Park Men's Club Golf Course, stated that the members are dissatisfied with the course and reiterated what both of the two previous speakers stated.

The Commission adjourned into closed session at 3:42 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Commission returned to open session at 4:20 p.m.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Chin, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission finds it in the best interest of the public not to disclose its closed session deliberations regarding existing litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

On the request of Commissioner Chin the meeting was adjourned in memory of Robert Burton.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and

Park Commission was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur

Commission Secretary

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, July 19, 2001 - 2:00 p.m.

The 764th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, July 19, 2001 at 2:15 p.m. by President Gordon Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Gordon Chin, President
John Murray, Vice President
Gloria Bonilla
Eugene Friend
Larry Martin
Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:

Bill Getty

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President Chin announced that items 9 – 11, 12, 13, 14 would be taken out of order and follow Item number 6.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Chin congratulated **Commissioner Murray** on his appointment to the State Park and Recreation Commission. He also congratulated **Commissioner Getty** and his wife on the birth of their son, Nicholas Paul Getty.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

As of the April 2001 energy report from SF PUC, the Recreation and Park Department has met and even exceeded the energy reduction goal set by the Mayor's mandate on reduced energy consumption. Usage has dropped eighteen percent (-18%). This will be an ongoing effort.

A small fire broke out at Laurel Hill Playground, located at Euclid and Collins Streets, on the morning of July 9, 2001, at approximately 1:45 a.m. The fire was apparently set in a trash container that was moved and placed in front of the exterior door leading to the Director's office.

The damage from the fire was confined to the Director's office. One window was broken and the door, the floor and the walls were burnt. Heavy smoke damage to the office, kitchen and storage area. The exterior office door has been removed and the opening is currently boarded-up.

The activity room did not suffer any fire damage, but did suffer from smoke damage. This room will need to be cleaned and aired. Project Insight Day Camp for hearing impaired youth has been relocated to Wawona Clubhouse.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

A new exterior office door has been ordered.

Clean-up of the interior has begun.

A request has been submitted for the interior (office, storage area and kitchen) to be painted following clean-up.

The General Manager accepted the following gifts on behalf of the Department in accordance with the gift policy

- From Hands-On San Francisco, a gift in the amount of \$200 to be used for supplies for the Recreation and Park Department's Volunteer Program.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Richard Craib representing the Friends of Glen Canyon Park, spoke in support of item 4F.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** , seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the meeting of June 2001.

RES. NO. 0107-084

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

RES. NO. 0107-085

Purchase

World Bird Sanctuary
P.O. Box 270270
St. Louis, MO 63127

One male augur buzzard (bird)
Purchase \$2,500.00

Lincoln Park Zoo
P.O. Box 14903
Chicago, IL 60614

One male and one female three-
banded armadillo
Purchase \$700.00
USDA 33-C-0004

Central Florida Zoological Park
P.O. Box 470309
Lake Monroe, FL 32747

One female prehensile-tailed
porcupine
Purchase \$750.00
USDA 58-C-036

Sale

Six Flags World of Adventure
1100 Sea World Drive
Aurora, OH 44202

Four male Magellanic penguins
Sale \$5,000.00

Donation To

California Academy of Science
Golden Gate Park
San Francisco, CA 94118

Eight unknown sex P. kineri (fish)
Eight unknown sex P. bleekeri (fish)

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept and expend a \$50,000 Grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board for a FY 2000/01 Park Playground Accessibility and Recycling grant Project for improvements at South Sunset Playground.

RES. NO. 0107-086

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve substantially in form as enclosed hereto with such changes recommended by the General Manager subject to the approval by the City Attorney. An Assignment and Assumption Agreement, assigning the Tenant's rights under the Carrousel Lease to Blue Pelican Enterprises LLC, the proposed transfer of membership interests in Blue Pelican Enterprises LLC., the Guaranty of Lease that guarantees that all terms and conditions of the Lease are met by Tenant, and the Subordination Agreement making all indebtedness of the Blue Pelican Enterprises LLC subordinate to the Tenant's or Guarantor's obligations.

RES. NO. 0107-087

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Recreation and Park Department's Intellectual Property Policy.

RES. NO. 0107-088

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to approve a resolution accepting and expending approximately \$250,000.00 in grant funds awarded to the Recreation and Park Department by the California State Coastal Conservancy to perform habitat restoration and trail improvements in Glen Canyon natural area.

RES. NO. 0107-089

LAKE MERCED

Elizabeth Goldstein thanked all members of the Lake Merced Task Force and introduced Dede Workman of San Francisco Beautiful, co-convenor of the Task Force. Ms. Workman gave a brief history of the task force. She then introduced Dean Don Zingale with San Francisco State University and co-convenor of the Task Force. Dean Zingale stated that the Commissioner's had received an executive summary with the activities to date, an expanded initial report, reference information regarding the lake and the Task Force including its membership and the steering committee and the unanimously approved reports and recommendations of the various committees. He asked that the Commission recognize the importance and the inter-relatedness of all of the recommendations but to also consider the desire of the Task Force to continue successful collaboration of the organizations to work beyond the original charge by having the Task Force become the body for ongoing community input for Lake Merced stewardship efforts. Ms. Workman then introduced members from each of the committees who gave the recommendations from their respective committees.

3COM – MULTI-MEDIA MUSIC AND DANCE CONCERTS

Chris Mack presented this item to the Commission. He stated that the item was heard by the Finance Committee on July 10th and that the Committee required that some conditions be met within a certain time period for this item to be recommended by the committee. If any of the items were not met, then the item would not be recommended by the committee. He then reviewed those items:

- The operations plan must meet staff satisfaction. This was met.
- Staff must receive acceptable positive references from all prior events. He stated that there were three references that they received that were less than positive.
- All incorrect information must be removed from the website by 4:00 p.m. July 12, 2001 and the correct information must be added. He stated that as of July 13, 2001 this was not done.
- All promotional printed material must be submitted to staff for approval prior to being used. He stated that staff had not received any materials.
- All estimated costs must be paid prior to issuing the permit. The payment would be due on July 20, 2001 if the agreement is approved.
- No alcohol. The promoter agreed to it.

- Coolworld was to respond to the Commission in writing in regard to the event in Melbourne, Florida the following: 1) execution on commitments 2) paying on events, and 3) possible litigation by July 12, 2001. He stated that this was done.
- Any additional information staff may have on litigation regarding Coolworld and any other municipalities or agencies be given to them so that they could respond by July 12, 2001. He stated that this was done.

He summarized by stating that Coolworld had provided an acceptable operations plan, there were less than positive references from venues and that others were continuing to come in for other various reasons, all the correct information was not removed from the website within the 48 hour period and the security deposit would be paid. In light of the fact that all the conditions stipulated by the Finance Committee and the requirement to have everything done within a specific time period and also the concern about safety issues from past events, staff could not give a positive recommendation for approval.

Mike Mahoney stated that he was a retired San Francisco police officer and stated that on all four events that he worked with Mr. Perry on, he had been up front, honest and Mr. Perry did everything that was asked of him. Mr. Mahoney also stated that he had been asked to work with private security on the inside on this event. Ina Aguirre a resident of Bayview Hunters Point, voiced her opposition to this item. She did not feel that Bayview was the proper place for a rave. She opposed it because of: 1) lack of timely notification for those residents in Bayview Hunters Point and 2) she was against any party that is considered a drug party. Barry Simons, attorney in San Francisco who works with Coolworld Productions, stated that he was there if there was to be an issue as to the credibility of Coolworld regarding the recommendations of other venues and other communities where they had events in the past, he stated that Coolworld promotes between 8-12 events a year, most which have gone without any type of negative incident. He also stated that the negative recommendations that came in were ones that had prior litigation and explained the litigation, and stated the outcome of each. Louise Vann spoke in opposition to this item. She stated that the community had been exposed to too many drugs already, she stated that the types of jobs young adults would get from this event would be for two to three days only and that the jobs needed were ones with a future and not at a rave. Dorothy Peterson spoke against this item. She stated that the community had not been notified. She stated that there must be away to make 3Com profitable without bringing in a drug party. She stated that there are 172 churches in the area that they are mobilizing to write letters. She also requested the Department hold public meetings with the community so that they can have input. Mike Mannion with Coolworld stated that this was in every city in the world – and that it was not about drugs. Carl Hiltz with Coolworld addressed some of the concern about the website information. He stated that they did have a venue locked down and fully executed and wanted to make it clear that when they put 3Com Park on the website that as far as he was concerned Coolworld had a fully executed agreement prior to July 13th and that they had complied in making those changes. He also stated that the changes were made in as prompt a fashion as humanly possible. Sasson Perry with Coolworld clarified that Carl had been inaccurate in stating that there was a fully executed license agreement – what he meant to say was that it was signed by Mr. Perry. He stated that he had been producing events for 14 years. He addressed the references that came back, specifically that the Santa Clara event had not been produced by Coolworld. He stated that this was a high profile music festival and that Coolworld would want to continue to come back. He stated that they had met with all the City Departments and had addressed all the issues. David McKinnon with Coolworld discussed sound and lighting issues surrounding the event. Tim Kayler representing Sasson from Coolworld stated that he was employed as a security consultant with Southwest International and had provided security for Sasson for several events. He gave an overview of how security was handled. Ms. Moore with YCD stated that they were here for the jobs. She stated that YCD tried to give youth jobs. Reverend Brown requested that they let reason, sense and substance rank on this issue.

Commissioner Martin asked how many meetings the Department had with the community.

Commissioner Murray stated that this item was heard at Finance the previous week and they looked at it to see if this was a reasonable use of 3Com where money could be made for the Department to support all of our programs. The Finance Committee was encountering from staff a lot of information, some neutral some negative, some positive, and the committee tried to lay out some conditions to find out what these events were like in other locations. What was received was that not all the conditions were met. He stated that he did not see where this event is supporting what the Commission tried to do out at 3Com which was to raise some money in a safe and positive way. Those things that the Committee asked to be done and

not been done. **Commissioner Bonilla** was concerned about the lack of notification to the community and the hurried timeline. Commissioner Murray requested that staff get the mailing list of the churches mentioned by Ms. Peterson and notify them if there were events that may concern the community.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray**, duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0107-090

RESOLVED, That this Commission denies a License for the use of a portion of the parking lot at 3Com Park for the purpose of exhibiting an all night Multi-Media Dance and Music Festival to be held from 6:00 p.m., Saturday, August 11, 2001 to 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 12, 2001.

HUNTINGTON PARK

Mike Morlin presented this item to the Commission. The Nob Hill Association has been working closely with the San Francisco Arts Commission to restore the Fountain of the Tortoises in Huntington Park. Through their fundraising efforts and the generosity of corporate and private donors, most of the restorations' funding, nearly, \$400,000, came through the Association. The Nob Hill Association has a history of generous contributions for the improvement of Huntington Park. Most recently, ornamental light posts and fixtures, including lights that highlight the Fountain of the Tortoises, were installed. Several years ago, the park's granite walls were refurbished and beautiful brass handrails installed on the stairs.

The Association is requesting to place three 4'x4' bronze plaques on the hexagonal building on the west side of the park. The plaques on the northwest-facing wall would list the donors who contributed to the history of Huntington Park and the Fountain of the Tortoises. The plaque on the southwest-facing wall would be blank and reserved for the names of future donors to future park improvements; it would be removed each year and the donors' names engraved on the plaque. The plaques are proposed to be large so that the letter size will allow them to be read from the adjacent pathway.

The Nob Hill Association would pay the total costs for the fabrication and installation of the plaques, estimated to be several thousand dollars, and maintain the plaques in perpetuity. Staff is recommending approval of the installation of the three 4'x4' bronze plaques by the Nob Hill Association on the building in Huntington Park.

Mike Morlin introduced Dan Finnane with the Nob Hill Association who presented a detailed description of the project. There was detailed discussion on this item including the size of the plaques, the groups representing the residents, community input and a the tight timeline of moving the plaques forward.

On motion of **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0107-091

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the item contingent upon the General Manager approving the final details of the request including guidelines as to how the blank plaque will be used.

Commissioner Friend abstained.

JOSEPH L. ALIOTO PERFORMING ARTS PLAZZA

This event will serve as a benefit for the WorldBeat Music University and its Youth Academy after school programs. The WorldBeat Music University, Inc., and Kids Care International Inc. are two registered California non-profits (501c). The WorldBeat Music University Inc. has developed an Award Ceremony and is presenting it at the "The Fun in Dey Sun World Fest 2001." The Award Ceremony will honor Bay Area Greats Sports Celebrities, Entertainers and Businesses for their contribution to keeping the Fun in Dey Sun Festive Vibe Alive in the Bay Area.

WorldBeat Music University, Inc. has produced a World Class song titled "Fun In Dey Sun" sub-titled "San Francisco By the Bay" with 10 Bay Area cities and historical points mentioned in the sun. Admission will be \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 for seniors and youths between 12 and 17 years of age. All children

under 12 will be admitted free. Approximately 5,000 people are expected to attend this event over the weekend.

On motion of **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0107-092

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve "WorldBeat Music University Inc. to produce a two (2) day gated multi-cultural celebration, "Fun in Dey Sun WorldFest" 2001, featuring live amplified music and a variety of entertainment, arts and crafts stands, businesses exhibit, community information booth, diverse cultural foods, alcohol and non alcohol beverage sales on October the 20 and 21, 2001.

JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA

Commissioner Newhouse Segal suggested that as items 12, 13, and 14 were all at Justin Herman Plaza, they be looked at together. **Commissioner Bonilla** stated that Justin Herman Plaza was a popular venue and that items will continue to come up. She commented that in terms of setting a standard, that the Commission needed to provide equal treatment to each organization. Contrary to what the event is, that if an organization is showing good faith, flexibility and cooperation and abiding by all the restrictions, even though it may not be what the immediate community may want to have happen, that perhaps the Commission needs to make some leadway. She expressed support for NEXTARTS to demonstrate that they are able to perform in a manner that meets with the interest of the community. **Commissioner Murray** stated that he believed staff work would be appropriate. He requested that staff identify a few venues that have these kind of events and look at the residential density within some direction nearby and categorize different types of events. He stated that the staff recommend policies to bring to the Commission in October. **Commissioner Chin** requested that staff also look at what types of events would be appropriate at the different venues. He also requested that the community have adequate appropriate input. **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** discussed the differences in the three items.

#11

This is a request from 5 Minters Production to produce the First Annual San Francisco Outdoor Film Festival at Ferry Park Plaza, on every Tuesday night during the month of September 2001. The movies will be free to viewers of all ages so that the entire city can participate in this special summer event. Approximately 1,000 to 1,500 are expected at this weekly event. There will be no sales of food, beverage, or merchandise at this event. All patrons will be encouraged to purchase food from the local business at the Embarcadero Center.

The theme for the 2001 season is "Movies Filmed in the Bay Area". SFOFF will lean toward classic films – staying away from current blockbuster types. Previewing movies that can no longer be seen on a big screen is part of the purpose of the festival. This will lend itself to alluring a more sophisticated audience. The screen will be placed on the northwest corner of Drumm and Washington Streets. The movie screen is 30' wide x 20' high. The speakers will be placed in certain directions to minimize disruption of the surrounding neighbors. In September the sun begins to set at approximately 6:30 p.m. The grounds should be completely dark and ready to run the film by around 7:30 p.m. Audience should vacate the property by 10:00 p.m.

Ernestine Weiss representing the Golden Gateway tenants spoke in opposition to this item. She stated that they never get notified of the events – they were unaware that it was 1,000 to 1,500 people. She didn't believe this belonged in Justin Herman Plaza. She suggested that the Commission try it for one night to see how it worked, but believed the park was too small.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0107-093

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the First Annual San Francisco Outdoor Film Festival at Justin Herman Plaza every Tuesday night in September 2001 and a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound between the hours of 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.

#12

Infinite Kaos has requested to produce and perform for the public a wholly unique dance theater event: the fusion of contact improvisation dance, fire dancing, spoken word and theater, accompanied by live music. The performers will work in collaboration to develop a riveting choreography using a diverse array of firegear: staff, poi, double batons, fire fingers, handheld lamps, clubs, fire swords and spears. The performers will be responsible for not only the theatrics and dance, but also for the music.

Infinite Kaos' technical crew includes accomplished fire safety personnel and all risks to the audience cast and performance site are minimized by following established rules of fire performance safety, and using the appropriate fire prevention equipment. The production will be in compliance with the safety policies set forth by the San Francisco Fire Department, including all necessary permits and inspections.

The producer of the event played a 60 second video showing the Commission what the performance would be like. Ernestine Weiss requested that the sound level be kept to a minimum so people won't be disturbed.

After detailed discussion and on motion of **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0107-094

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Infinite Kaos to produce a 3 day performance of "Prometheus's Revenge" from August 2-5, 2001 and a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound between the hours of 8:00 to 9:30 PM.

#14

This is a request from NEXTARTS to showcase disenfranchised artists and performers at Justin Herman Plaza on the last Sunday of every month between August and October 2001. NEXTARTS is a City sponsored (small business redevelopment loan) sound, stage and lighting company. NEXTARTS charter is provide employment opportunities within the economically disadvantaged labor pool. Story Road Consulting LLXC is the productions services coordinator and a major donor to this event.

Staff recommend that the Commission not approve the request. She stated that the Department has received numerous complaints in the past from the Golden Gateway Center, the Hyatt Regency and Boston Properties. She commended NEXTARTS and Story Road Consultants for being a type of organization that goes out of their way to help and promote displaced artists. However, requesting a five-hour concert at Justin Herman Plaza may not be the appropriate venue based on past experience of numerous complaints. She suggested other venues such as McLaren Park Theatre, Civic Center Plaza and the Bandshell in Golden Gate Park. She then introduced Casey Moreno with NEXTARTS. He stated that there was a sense of desperation in the arts community that does not stand regularly to receive patronage. He stated that the acts were varied. He stated that they would have the lineup approximately one month ahead of time. **Commissioner Murray** requested clarification on the waiver of the bond. **Elizabeth Goldstein** stated that it was generally her policy not to waive bonds or damage deposits. When they are waived the Department's own budge and the City's self insurance come into play. In answering questions of the Commission Ms. Goldstein confirmed that the criteria for waiver was hardship and that we have waived it a couple of times in the last year mainly for youth groups. **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** stated that their first request was rejected because of negative comments. Since the Commission had rejected their request, they have been performing once a month for two hours and there have been no problems. She stated that she encouraged them to come forward with longer hours in light of the Commission looking at other requests for the same venue. **Commissioner Chin** asked Mr. Moreno if they could put on a concert for three hours or four hours. Mr. Moreno stated that with four hours they may keep it alive but that two hours

does not work. Ernestine Weiss responded that she felt it was not the appropriate arena for amplified sound for the small number of people (5-15) that she has seen at the concerts. She also stated that the tenants are opposed to the noise. She requested that it be put in Civic Center Plaza. Elwin Herbert with the Hyatt Regency stated that they did not oppose the bands but did oppose the modification to the permit. They believed that two hours was enough. He also requested that they be 150 yards from the building. Eric Dunn a volunteer for NEXTARTS stated that they had a petition drive and that there were at least 300 signatures per event. Denise Moreno stated that she works in the Alcoa Building. That she had been there during events and had not heard the music. She stated that until you are in the actual plaza you do not hear the amplified sound. Ron Perenti gave a brief background on the two-hour limit. He spoke in opposition to the modification of this permit. He stated that Boston Properties was asking for consistency. They have no displeasure with NEXTARTS, Mr. Moreno or Mr. Imperial coming to do their two-hour concert. He requested that the Commission support the two-hour limit. Tony Imperial stated that the sound decibel level is the same for them as it is for everyone else and that they were abiding by it. He stated that the vendors who sell things and the restaurants like them there because their revenue goes up when NEXTARTS comes in. He conveyed to the commission that they may be extinct if they can't get the momentum that they need by extending the time. He also stated that there never had been anyone coming up to them complaining about anything. He stated that McLaren Park would not work for safety reasons, the Bandshell in Golden Gate Park has electricity issues, and at any place else it is either electricity, staging or the combination of both. Reverend Brown spoke in support of this item. Joe O'Donough spoke in support of this item and on this history of Justin Herman Plaza.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded, the following motion was adopted:

RES. NO. 0107-095

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve NEXTARTS' request to: 1) produce a free Sunday concert on the last Sunday of August 2001 and modify the amplified sound policy for four hours and 2) produce a free Sunday concert on the last Sunday of September 2001 and modify the amplified sound policy for four hours contingent upon there being no problems with the August event. If there are any problems in August staff has the authority to withdraw the permit in September.

PIER 24

Mike Morlin presented this item to the Commission. The Embarcadero area of the City is heavily used by skateboarders and there is a great need for locations allowing skaters to legally practice their sport. It has been suggested that the vacant and unused Pier 24 be made a temporary venue for skateboarding. The Department has had site visits and discussions with the Port of San Francisco about using the space until they develop it. A recent development proposal for the site was being considered, but fell through; therefore Pier 24 is available on a temporary basis.

Certain improvements would be necessary to utilize the building; electrical service, inspection of the foundation, and the assembly and construction of skateboarding ramps. A permit would have to be obtained from the Bay Conservation and Development Commission. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Port and the Recreation and Park Department has been drafted. The key points of the MOU include an operations plan, emergency plan, evacuation plan, and the rules for use. Rules would include a requirement for participant liability waiver, require the use of helmets and protective pads, and prohibit smoking, glass containers and alcohol. An annual use fee of \$1 would be paid to the Port. The draft MOU will be considered by the Port Commission in the near future. Staff recommended that the General Manager finalize the terms of the MOU for operation of a temporary skateboard facility at Pier 24.

On motion of **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0107-096

RESOLVED, That this Commission does authorize the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Francisco Port to lease space at Pier 24 for the temporary use as an indoor skateboard park.

INDIA BASIN SHORELINE PARK

India Basin Shoreline Park is located in the Bayview/Hunters Point District along the eastern shoreline of San Francisco on Hunters Point Blvd. Between Innes and Evans Avenues. Phase 1 improvements, which included walkways, picnic tables with barbecue units, benches and a restored wetland, were completed in 1996. In 1998, the Recreation and Park Commission approved a conceptual plan for Phase 2 improvements. Basic improvements in the Phase 2 area, such as grading, pathways, irrigation, and landscaping are near completion. Un-built elements of the original master plan include an oval-shaped play area, stairway connector, community garden and basketball court.

The Trust for Public Land conducted focus groups to develop a revised master plan. The proposed plan was also presented to representatives of various organizations and to the Network For Elders. The Recreation and Park Department distributed public notices to Bayview resident for review and comments to be due by 12:00 noon on the day of the Recreation and Park Commission hearing.

The overall revised plan has a nautical theme. The plan depicts a tot-only (2-5 years old) play area along an existing path. Shaped like a fish in plan view, the children's (6-12 years old) play area includes an embankment slide place along an east-facing bank. A sundial and an anchor-shaped plaza are located at the terminus of the shoreline path. A nautilus-shaped butterfly garden is depicted on the south end of an existing lawn area. A permanent restroom with a maintenance storage area is shown at the southern entrance into the park. A basketball court is located at the south end of the site. This revised master plan is subject to review by the Mayor's Office on Disability.

The Trust For Public Land is proposing to implement portions of the revised master plan as a gift-in place to the City through \$750,000 in funds from the 2000 State Park Bond. Portions of the revised master plan would be done by the San Francisco Conservation Corps and funded through a \$90,000 Community Development Block Grant.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0107-097

RESOLVED, That this Commission does: 1) approve a revised master plan for the Phase 2 area in concept; and 2) authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the Trust For Public Land to accept a gift-in-place to implement portions of an approved master plan as the City Attorney shall approve, and contingent upon acceptance of a gift-in-place by the Board of Supervisors.

CIVIC CENTER PLAZA

Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Planning Commission that the shading from the 525 Golden Gate Avenue City Administrative Building will/will not have a significant and/or adverse effect on Civic Center Plaza – as required by Planning Code Section 295 (Sunlight Ordinance).

The City and Count of San Francisco is proposing to construct a 14-story, 181-foot-tall building containing approximately 255,500 square feet of office space to be located on the southwest corner of Golden Gate Avenue and Polk Street. The project would be approximately one block north from Civic Center Plaza. The 525 Golden Gate Avenue Project will cast new shadows on Civic Center Plaza and is subject to Section 295 of the Planning Code.

Section 295 of the Planning Code, adopted in 1985 as a response to voter mandate of Proposition K, establishes limitations on shadows cast on parks under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Recreation and Park Commission and Planning Commission Joint Resolution No. 11595 adopted shadow criteria for Downtown parks, including an Absolute Cumulative Limit for new shadow for each open space and set forth qualitative criteria for assessing new shadow. The Absolute Cumulative Limit for Civic Center Plaza was set at one percent additional shadow-foot-hours per year. Qualitative criteria for Civic Center Plaza called for preservations of afternoon sun, particularly on seating areas and lawn areas.

Since the Absolute Cumulative Limit and the criteria were adopted, the New Main Library at Larkin Street and the Civic Center Courthouse at Polk Street have been constructed, which together absorbed the allowable one percent new shade. In 1999 the Absolute Cumulative Limit for Civic Center Plaza adjusted to 1.12 percent.

The new shadow cast on Civic Center Plaza by the project would have its most significant shadow impact during Summer Solstice during the last hour of sunshine covered by Section 295. As described in the shadow description and figures provided by the Planning Division the project shadow would fall on the northeast corner of the Plaza, including the northernmost portion of the Civic Center Tot Lot after 7:20 p.m. This additional shadow is highlighted in red on the diagram. Since the project shadow would not exceed the 1.12 percent Absolute Cumulative Limit established for Civic Center Plaza and would not interfere with the use of the tot lot it is not expected that the additional shadows on the Plaza would be considered significant or conflict with the qualitative criteria, which calls for preservation of afternoon sun.

The General Manager has reviewed the shadow evaluation and supporting graphics provided by the Planning Department and has reviewed the shadow evaluation found in the Project's Environmental Impact Report certified by the Planning Commission on February 15, 2001. The General Manager concurs with its findings that the proposed project would not create significant or adverse shadow impacts on Civic Center Plaza. The General Manager's recommendation is that the Recreation and Park Commission concur with the findings found in the project EIR and supporting documentation provided by the Planning Department and recommend to the Planning Commission that the additional new shading caused by the 525 Golden Gate Avenue project, as proposed, would not be significant or adverse.

After detailed discussion, on motion of **Commissioner Chin** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0107-098

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Commission has reviewed and considered information contained within the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) pertaining to shadow impacts caused by the new City Administrative Office Building pertaining to shadow impacts caused by this structure; and

WHEREAS, The FEIR indicates that the additional new shading caused by the new administrative building, as proposed, would not be significant nor adverse because of the time of the day, duration, location, and the size of the new shadow and because the new shadow would not exceed the 1.12 percent Absolute Cumulative Limit established for Civic Center Plaza; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission, with the advice of the General Manager, recommends that the Planning Commission find that the additional new shading caused by the project would not be significant or adverse because of the time of day, the duration, the location and the size of the new shadow, and because the new shadow would not exceed the 1.12 percent Absolute Cumulative Limit established for Civic Center Plaza.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Salinas spoke in regard to his belief that his permit to teach tennis at Golden Gate Park was unjustly terminated and requested that he be allowed back at Golden Gate Park to teach tennis. Caroline Werboff representing a group of parents whose children took tennis spoke in support of Joe Salinas being given a permit for tennis instruction. Sasson Perry took the opportunity to respond to the Commission on the denial of his permit. Phillip Carlton spoke of articles and editorials from the Bay Guardian and the Independent in regard to the Concourse Authority and specifically he spoke of the draft agreement the Concourse Authority had released to the public and concerns he had with that agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

The 764th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and
Park Commission was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, September 6, 2001 - 2:00 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, September 6, 2001 at 2:15 p.m. by President Gordon Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Gordon Chin, President
John Murray, Vice President
Gloria Bonilla
Eugene Friend
Bill Getty
Larry Martin
Lynne Newhouse Segal

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CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Getty**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend a gift of \$100,000 for lowland improvements at Parcel 4. **RES. NO. 0109-001**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend a gift not to exceed \$400,000 from the Randall Friends to provide Construction Management services during the construction of the exterior renovations at Randall Museum. **RES. NO. 0109-002**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend a gift valued at \$110,000 from the Randall Friends to provide design services for the learning deck and art enrichment portions of the exterior renovations at Randall Museum. **RES. NO. 0109-003**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend a gift in place for the renovation of Crocker Amazon field number three by the Good Tidings Foundation and the Local Initiative Support Corporation valued approximately \$100,000. **RES. NO. 0109-004**

GENERAL CALENDAR

ST. MARY'S SQUARE EXPANSION AND SHADOW IMPACT

Bob McDonald presented this item to the Commission. 500 Pine Street LLC (Pine LLC) is the owner of certain real property located at the corner of Pine and Kearny Streets. Pine LLC has obtained approval from the San Francisco Planning Commission to build a four and one-half story building on the Pine Property. As part of such approvals, Pine LLC is required to provide 1000 square feet of publicly accessible open space on the roof of the Pine building. The Pine Open Space will be immediately adjacent to and accessible from Saint Mary's Square, a public park that is under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission.

350 Bush Street LLC (Bush LLC), an affiliate of Pine LLC, is the owner of certain real property located on Bush and Pine Streets between Montgomery and Kearny Streets. Bush LLC is currently seeking approval from the Planning Commission to build a 19-story office building on the Bush Property. Approval of construction of the Bush building would include a requirement for provision of publicly accessible open space as defined under the Planning Code. In addition, the Bush Building will create a small amount of new shadow on St. Mary's Square during the morning hours during certain days of the year. Therefore, approval for the project will be subject to the Sunlight Ordinance. Under this provision, the Planning Commission, after review and comment by the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department is consultation with the Recreation and Park Commission, must determine whether the incremental increase in shade caused by this new structure would be significant. The guidelines adopted by the Planning Commission and the Recreation and Park Commission pursuant to the Sunlight Ordinance identify St. Mary's as a zero tolerance park.

In order to partially satisfy the open space requirements and to mitigate the impact of the Bush Building shadow on St. Mary's Square to a level of insignificance, Bush LLC and Pine LLC have proposed to convey approximately 6,127 square feet of open space on the roof of the Pine Building next to St. Mary's Square to the City. The expansion to St. Mary's Square would be immediately adjacent to and accessible from the Square. The Bush Open Space will effectively add considerable sun hours to the expanded park, which will be protected by Proposition K, and should more than compensate for the shade created by the Bush Building on St. Mary's Square.

Craig Nikitas with the Planning Department summarized the shadow impacts to St. Mary's Square and discussed the public benefits if the Commission approved the item. Jeff Heller then presented the graphic presentation of the benefits and package.

Camille She with the co-chair for the committee for Better Parks and Recreation in Chinatown, expressed their support for the 500 Pine Street Open Space.

After detailed discussion, on motion of **Commissioner Chin** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0109-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual plan for the expansion of St. Mary's Square, authorize the General Manager to negotiate and bring back to the Commission all documents to the Commission when complete, related to the proposed expansion and recommend to the Planning Commission that the shading from the proposed 350 Bush Building will not have a significant effect on St. Mary's Square within the meaning of Planning Code Section 295 (Sunlight Ordinance).

SOUTH SUNSET PLAYGROUND

South sunset Playground, which is located on 40th Avenue and Vicente Street, is a small neighborhood park facility that is situated on approximately a 3.6 acre site. The capital improvement project that the Department is proposing includes the replacement of the children's play apparatus and the associated appurtenances.

With the assistance of the Department of Public Works, the City solicited construction bids and received only one respondent. Alpha Bay Builder's, Inc. a local/minority business enterprise, submitted a construction bid of \$762,363 which was \$270,363 over the engineer's estimate set a \$492,000.

Staff recommends that the Recreation and Park Commission reject the bid for the following reasons: 1) the sole bid was above the engineer's estimate and exceeds the Department's anticipated project budget and 2) the Department was unable to ascertain a competitive bid with only one bid.

Upon the City Attorney's recommendation, the Department will informally negotiate construction bids with three contractors, including Alpha Bay Builder's Inc., in an attempt to secure a construction bid price in line with the engineer's estimate and the Department's budget.

On motion of **Commissioner Getty** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0109-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does reject all bids for South Sunset Playground.

RANDALL MUSEUM

Randall Museum is located off of Museum way in the southwest end of the Peixotto Playground Open Space. The Open Space is located in District 8 and is bounded by Flint, States, Roosevelt, and Fifteenth Streets to the East, South, West and North respectively. The Recreation and Park Commission approved the conceptual plan to renovate the Museum exterior in July of 1998.

The Department of Public Works received two competitive bids, ranging between \$1,430,000 and \$1,691,000. Alpha Bay Builders Inc. offered the low bid of \$1,430,000 that is less than 2% greater than the engineer's \$1,408,481 estimate. DPW has found the bid to be responsible, and the Human Rights Commission has certified it.

Alpha Bay Builders, Inc. has performed quality landscape construction work for the Department in the past at Visitation Valley Playground, McLaren Park Amphitheater, Jose Coronado Playground, and Koshland Playground; however, only Visitation Valley was completed on schedule. They are also currently working on three projects for the Department, all of which are behind schedule. The Randall Museum project will be their largest to date, so the Construction Manager will need to scrutinize the Contractor closely to ensure they stay on schedule. We do not recommend re-bidding the project due to the contractor's past schedule history, because the process would likely delay the completion of the project even longer.

On motion of **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0109-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to Alpha Bay Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$1,430,000 for the renovation of the exterior grounds at Randall Museum.

PARCEL 4

Parcel 4 is located at the northeast intersection of Balboa Street and the Great Highway. The Recreation and Park Department has scheduled the undeveloped area to undergo renovation this year that the Commission approved in January 1997. Important elements of the development include dune restorations, native plantings, and a raised boardwalk to allow pedestrian travel across the site.

The Department of Public Works received three competitive bids ranging between \$158,830 and \$195,225. Vargas & Esquivel Construction, Inc. offered the low bid of \$158,830 that is 80% of the engineer's \$199,241 estimate. The Human Rights Commission has certified the bid.

Upon the submittal of required document from the contractor to the City, the City issues a Notice-To-Proceed (NTP). Work shall commence within five calendar days from issuance of NTP by the City and brought to substantial completion within the time limit of 90 consecutive calendar days. Final completion shall occur no later than 30 consecutive calendar days after the date of Notice of Substantial completion.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to Vargas & Esquivel Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$158,830 for development and restoration of dunes at Parcel 4.

GOLDEN GATE PARK

The Mid JFK Drive Utilities is an element in the Golden Gate Park 1992 Infrastructure Bond Program. It includes improvements to pumps, sewers, drains, and street upgrades in contract areas 4, 13 and 24. Due to the standardized nature of this type of work, the City awards the Contract through competitive bidding. NCCI, Inc. offered the low bid of \$1,731,750 which is 16% over the engineer's \$1,490,465 estimate.

Because of limited funds available at this time, we recommend rejecting all bids, and advertising the contract again when additional funds become available.

On motion of **Commissioner Getty** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0109-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does reject all bids for a construction contract to install utilities along mid-JFK Drive.

GOLDEN GATE PARK

The scope of the base bid work includes re-roofing, installation of fireproofing, waterproofing of exterior walls and general improvements. Three competitive bids were received through the Department of Public Works. The lowest responsible bid was \$1,159,600, received from Pioneer Contractors, Inc. a minority and locally owned business enterprise.

On motion of **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0109-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award of a \$1,159,600 construction contract to the lowest responsive bidder Pioneer Contractors for the San Francisco County Fair Building & Helen Crocker Russell Library re-roofing project.

PALACE OF FINE ARTS

The Department recently completed the installation of a temporary safety net placed just above the arches of the Palace of fine Arts Rotunda. The safety net was installed as a precautionary measure to catch loose plaster pieces that may become disengaged from the Rotunda ceiling, not unlike the piece that fell as a result of the August 17, 1999 earthquake.

In the course of the netting work, close scrutiny revealed that water infiltration due to the failing roof membrane and drainage system, is seriously degrading and jeopardized the physical integrity of the cast plaster coffer ceiling under the Rotunda dome. The ceiling is suspended from the dome structure with wires and a metal channel framework. Plaster physically loops over and around the metal framework. Natural fiber reinforcement integrated into plaster gives the plaster loop its tensile strength. Plaster is porous and readily absorbs water, consequently softening and dissolving the plaster. Michael Casey, a plaster restoration expert, who restored the section of the fallen plaster, affirms that the plaster and the natural fiber reinforcement have weakened due to the water intrusion. It has been determined that continued water intrusion could add to the possibility of falling pieces that are heavier than the rated capacity of the safety net. The repair work will be done congruently with the comprehensive restoration and structural stabilization plan being developed for the Palace of Fine Arts.

On motion of **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0109-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does declare a state of emergency to make all necessary repairs to stop further water infiltration affecting the ornamental plaster in the Rotunda ceiling at the Palace of Fine Arts.

GOLDEN GATE PARK

The scope of the base bid work includes installation of a new roof, repair of deteriorating wood fascia, repainting the building exterior, installation of new interior lighting, and the upgrade of the fire alarm and security systems.

Two competitive bids were received through the Department of Public Works. The lowest responsible bid of \$677,475 was received from Fine Line Construction, a minority and locally owned business enterprise.

On motion of **Commissioner Getty** and duly seconded the following motion was adopted:

RES. NO. 0109-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award of a \$677,475 construction contract to the lowest responsive bidder Fine Line Construction, for the Golden Gate Park Carrousel Building Renovation project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donald Bird read the attached letter into the minutes.

On motion by **Commissioner Getty** and duly seconded the Commission adjourned into closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Chin**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0109-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission finds it in the best interest of the public to disclose its closed session deliberations.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and
Park Commission was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary



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San Francisco Recreation & Park Department

October 18, 2001

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, October 18, 2001 - 2:00 p.m.

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The 764th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, October 18, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. by President Gordon Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Gordon Chin, President
Eugene Friend
William P. Getty
Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:

John Murray
Larry Martin

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The long awaited opening of the Martin Luther King pool was held on October 13th. The event, which included ribbon cutting with Mayor Brown, entertainment, arts and crafts tables and a barbecue was attended by over 1000 community members and aquatics enthusiasts.

The pool will serve the community seven days a week and offer a wide variety of programs, including youth and adult swimming lessons, a swimming program for asthmatic youth and adults and an exercise program for diabetic adults. The community is truly excited about this wonderful facility.

In order to address the issue of amplified sound events within Golden Gate and our neighborhood parks, the Department is working with Mr. Alan Rosen, an acoustical consultant with the firm of Charles M. Salter Associates. Although Mr. Rosen is concentrating his efforts on amplified events within Golden Gate Park's Sharon Meadow we feel the project will have important applications throughout the park system.

Mr. Rosen has performed baseline sound measurements and also completed sound measurements during the recent Reggae in Park. He will conduct measurements for the



upcoming Blue Grass Festival at Speedway Meadows and simulate a proposed speaker and amplification system at Sharon Meadow that may prove to be an effective means to reduce concert sound levels outside of the Park. His work at the Speedway Meadow Blue Grass Festival and the simulation at Sharon Meadow will be completed during the last weeks of October.

The goal will be to develop a specific prescription for amplification sound systems to be used in Golden Gate Park and eventually in neighborhood parks prior to the commencement of next summer's concert season.

The General Manager approved the following trips:

On October 26, The Friday Night Fun Program will take sixty youths, ages 14 to 17, to a weekend camping trip to Anthony Chabot campground in Hayward. The trip will include horseback riding and fishing.

Dates to Remember

The Clean Team Event for District 1 at Park Presidio and Lake Streets will take place on October 27 from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Getty**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the

San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

RES. NO. 0110-019

Donation From

Wildlife Education Rehab Center One unknown sex opossum

P.O. Box 1105 Donation

Morgan Hill, CA 95038

Trade From

Marine World One unknown sex Peregrine

2001 Marine World Parkway falcon

Vallejo, CA 94589 Trade Value: \$1,500.00

USDA 93-C-0021

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Department to apply, accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the California Integrated Waste Management Board - Playground Accessibility and Recycling Grant Program for the renovation of the play area. **RES. NO. 0110-020**

RESOVLED, That this Commission does approve the Department to apply, accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$200,000 from the 2000 State Park Bond Act - Non-Motorized Trails Program to be used at Pine Lake for trail improvements, erosion control, and interpretive signs.

RES. NO. 0110-021

RESOVLED, That this Commission does approve San Francisco Event Solutions' request to produce

"The Golden Gate Games 2002", on June 1-2, 2002, to request an additional road closure on

Sunday, June 1, 2002 from 7 AM to 11 AM on the West end of JFK (from Transverse Drive to the Great Highway) for a 5K and a 10K walk. **RES. NO 0110-022**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Slims Production Company's request for an additional road closure on Transverse Drive from Cross Over Drive to Martin Luther King Drive from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 27, 2001. **RES. NO. 0110-023**

GENERAL CALENDAR

VISITACION VALLEY CLUBHOUSE

The scope of work consists of the construction of a new 2,600 square foot clubhouse and landscaping on Leland Avenue and Cora Street in the Visitacion Valley district. With the assistance of the Department of Public Works, the City solicited construction bids and received three respondents. All three bids exceeded the architect's estimate of \$949,118. Staff requests that the Recreation and Park Commission reject all bids on the basis that the average bid was 144% of the architect's estimate, exceeding the Department's anticipated project budget.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Getty**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0110-024**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does reject all construction bids for the Visitacion Valley Clubhouse.

GOLDEN GATE PARK

The Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Utilities is the next major element in the Golden Gate Park 1992 Infrastructure Bond Program. It includes improvements to sewers, drains, street lighting, pathways, and electrical service upgrades in contract areas 17, 21, 28, 41 and 42. A phased schedule of construction is required in order to minimize disruption to the Contractor and Golden Gate Park.

Due to the standardized nature of this type of work, the City awards the Contract through competitive bidding. Northwest Construction offered the low base bid of \$11,107,600.00 which is 99% of the engineer's \$11,128,503 estimate. If future bids are also low, the Recreation and Park Department will have additional funding available for more bond eligible work in Golden Gate Park such as restoring lakes and water features, and improving pathways, lighting, and roadways.

Northwest Construction has performed construction work for the Recreation and Park Department in the past including the similar Golden Gate Park West End Utilities project.

Staff recommended approval.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Chin**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0110-025**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of contract to Northwest Construction in the amount of \$11,107,600 for infrastructure improvements around Golden Gate Park's MLK Drive.

GOOD TIDINGS FOUNDATION

Good Tidings Foundation creates original programs and works in partnership with other programs and agencies throughout the Bay Area to help youth in communities of need. They are a non-profit that facilitates industry to help youth athletics. During 2001 the Department anticipates receiving approximately \$100,000 from the Good Tidings Foundation in the form of facility renovation for youth athletics. They have requested the use of 410 square feet of office space in Room 396 ("Permit Area") of the Stadium at 3Com Park to use for their San Francisco operation. Staff has prepared a revocable permit for the approval of the Commission.

Upon the execution and approval of this Permit, Permittee shall pay an annual fee of \$1.00. Permittee shall

During the Term of the Permit, report on a quarterly basis the funding provided to the Recreation and Park Department during the preceding quarter. Property Management will review and report to the General Manager the amount of funds provided by the Good Tidings Foundation in support of the Department. If the Annual Funding to the Department during the Permit Year falls below the rent determined by the City's Real Estate Department for the Permit Area, the Permittee may be required to pay the difference between the Annual Funding and the current Fair Market Annual Rent. Current Fair Market Rent is \$9,102 per year and will be adjusted annually as determined by the City's Real Estate Department. The Permittee will be responsible for keeping the Permit Area clean and free of garbage during the Term of the Permit.

Highlighted terms of the proposed Agreement are:

- Three-year term
- Permit Area is Room 396 of 3Com Stadium
- During 2001, the Department anticipates receiving approximately \$100,00 in Annual Funding from Permittee in the form of facility renovation for youth athletics.
- If the Annual Funding to the Department during the Permit Year falls below the rent as determined by the City's Real Estate Department for the Permit Area, the Permittee may be required to pay the difference between the Annual Funding and current Fair Market Annual Rent.
- Permittee shall be responsible for keeping the Permit Area clean and free of garbage during the Term of the Agreement.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0110-026**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a revocable permit with Good Tidings Foundation

("GTF") to allow GTF to use a portion of 3Com Park for office space.

URBAN RESOURCE SYSTEMS, INC. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The citizens of San Francisco passed two ballot measures in March 2000 with the goal of providing funds to renovate our dilapidated park system. To date, we have approximately \$200 million of the estimated \$400 plus million needed for this task - an estimate which all agree is

probably too low to create first-class landscapes and recreation facilities.

Playgrounds currently cost the Recreation and Park Department \$400,000 to \$600,00 each for renovation. Of the 150 playgrounds existing throughout the City, 109 playgrounds are still in need of renovation. Refurbishing or replacing these playgrounds will require \$45 - 65 million.

San Francisco park groups have already participated in a model with the City by adopting components of the process required to rebuild a playground. They have accessed their own planners, architects and landscape architects to carry out the community process and design phase, they have purchased playground equipment and safety surfacing through community fundraising initiatives, and they have solicited grants from local foundation to conduct planning and design or to complete funding requirements. We can harness this creative community initiative and develop a uniform, community-driven process and template to speed up the timeline for playground projects and to access funds and in-kind contributions to help the City's capital funds go further.

The proposed partnership would capitalize on playgrounds with ideal physical conditions and community interest. Staff recommends that the Commission authorize the General Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Urban Resources Systems, Inc. to renovate various play areas in a partnership using a combination of City and community-raised resources as the City Attorney shall approve.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0110-027**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does authorize the General Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Urban Resource Systems, Inc., to renovate various play areas in a partnership using a combination of City and community-raised resources as the City Attorney shall approve.

UNION SQUARE PARK

Gary Hoy stated that a draft of the Term Sheet for the Grant Agreement which explains how the Department expects the funds to be spent and for what purposes at Union Square was given to the Commission for its review. It is an agreement between the Department and City of San Francisco Uptown Parking Corporation. The terms are:

- The City will provide up to \$2.4 million from the Downtown Park Fund to complete the improvements to the surface of Union Square Park.
- Uptown will use these monies, in conjunction with proceeds of the 1999 Parking Revenue Bonds, to construct arbors and several other structures on the surface of Union Square Park that are intended to facilitate recreational use of the Park. The work funded by the Downtown Park Fund will include structural and ornamental steelwork and architectural concrete work, installation of glass storefronts and windows, plumbing and other fixtures, and completion of interior finishes.
- Uptown will require its general contractor and all subcontractors to pay any person performing labor under contracts funded in whole or in part with money in private employment for similar work.
- Uptown will ensure that all work done under contracts funded with money from the Downtown Fund is done in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.
- Uptown will agree to comply with such indemnification, insurance and release and waiver provisions as the City, upon the advice of the City Attorney, shall reasonably require.

Staff recommend the Commission authorize the General Manger to execute a grant agreement, in a form to be approved by the City Attorney, with Uptown Parking Corporation in the amount of \$2.4 million to fund enhancements to Union Square Park from the Downtown Park Fund.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Chin**, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0110-028**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does authorize the General Manager to execute a grant agreement, in a form to be approved by the City Attorney, with Uptown Parking Corporation in the amount of \$2.4 million to fund enhancements to Union Square Park from the Downtown Park Fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT

On motion by **Commissioner Getty** and duly seconded the Commission adjourned into closed session

At 2:32 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION

16. ADJOURNMENT

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San Francisco Recreation & Park Department**November 15, 2001****Public Notices**

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION**MINUTES****Thursday, November 15, 2001 - 2:00 p.m.**

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The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on
Thursday,

November 15, 2001 at 2:17 p.m. by President Gordon Chin.

ROLL CALL**Present:**

Gordon Chin, President

Gloria Bonilla

Eugene Friend

Bill Getty

Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:

John Murray

Larry Martin

**President Chin announced that
item number 12 was removed
from calendar.Â**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Elizabeth Goldstein announced that Ron deLeon would be retiring in March of 2002. She thanked him for all his work, especially his strength in moving the Department forward.

President Chin, on behalf of the Commission, thanked Ron deLeon for all of his work for the Department.

Elizabeth Goldstein announced the appointment of Ms. King Sip as the Department's Chief Nursery Specialist in charge of the Department's overall Nursery Operations. We welcome King to the position and look forward to her innovative nursery leadership.

At the request of the 49ers and the National Football League, the Department has increased security measures at 3COM Park. The Department is working with the San Francisco Police Department and 49ers management related to the issues of security at large public gatherings at the Stadium. At this time, the National Football League is developing long-term policies and procedures related to stadium security across the Nation.

The Department received recognition from the State Department of Pesticide Regulation in Sacramento on October 3rd in the form of a Pest Innovator Award. Mr. Phil Rossi, the Department's Integrated Pest Management Coordinator received the award on behalf of the Department.

She introduced Isabel Wade, representing the Park, Recreation and Open Space Fund, who gave her first report to the Commission from PROSAC.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Peter Ashe complimented the Department on the Special Meeting of the Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee held on Harding Park. He urged the Commission to approve item number 4f.

On motion made by Commissioner Getty and duly seconded, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. RES. NO. 0111-001

Donation From

Yuan

Bartholomew
One unknown sex arawana (fish)

154 9th
Avenue
Donation

San Francisco, CA 94116

Carnivore Preservation
Trust
One female ocelot (cat)

1940 Honks Chapel
Road
Donation

Pittsboro, NC 27312

Abby
Perado
Three unknown sex black swans

3065 Frandoas
Circle
Donation

Oakley, CA 94561

Donation To

Racine Zoological
Gardens
One male snow leopard

2131 North Main
Street
Donation (Loan termination)

Racine, WI
53402
USDA: 35-C-0031

Moorpark
College
One female kookaburra (bird)

7075 Campus
Road
Donation (Loan termination)

Moorpark, CA 93021

Sale To

One unknown sex mata mata (turtle)

Sale: \$100.00

[illegible]

RES. NO. 0111-002

RES. NO. 0111-003

RESOLVED, Â That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors apply for, accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grant Program for the renovation for the play area at Joseph Lee Recreation Center.Â **RES. NO. 0111-004**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the application for and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the California Integrated Waste Management Board - Waste Tire Playground Cover Program for the renovation of the play area at Crocker Amazon.

RES. NO. 0111-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual plan for a municipally financed renovation of the Harding Park golf complex at Lake Merced. **RES. NO. 0111-006**

EUREKA VALLEY RECREATION CENTER

The Mayor's office has received and supports a request to name the Eureka Valley Recreation Center after San Franciscan Mark Bingham. Mr. Bingham's friends, family and teammates have offered this proposal as a fitting way to honor Mr. Bingham's heroic acts on September 11th.

Mr. Bingham was aboard United Airlines flight 93 when it crashed outside of Pittsburgh, PA.Â Mr. Bingham participated in the struggle against the terrorists, which brought the plane down in Pennsylvania, preventing it from reaching its target in Washington, DC.Â Mr. Bingham was an avid athlete who played rugby with the Gay Rugby League, often at Dolores Park; and with the basketball league at the Eureka

Valley Recreation Center.

The proposal is consistent with the Commission's Naming Policy which states:

"A deceased person who has made significant contributions to the City and/or Recreation and Park Department and has not been previously honored in a meaningful way by the City."

The Commission's Naming Policy does indicate that only in "an extraordinary case of overwhelming City-wide civic importance" will a person be honored in less than two years from his/her death. It is the Department's belief that the circumstances surrounding Mr. Bingham's death warrant such an unusually speedy consideration.

The Department would like to seek community input in this matter over the next several months. Once that community process has been completed and community input received, the Department will bring a formal naming proposal to the Commission for its final decision.

Paul Holm, Mr. Bingham's partner, stated that Mark Bingham loved playing basketball at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center. In speaking with Mr. Bingham's family and friends, they believed that this was most fitting. He was very pleased that the Commission was considering this honor and asked for their support. Annmarie Conroy spoke in support of this honor. The selfless bravery and immeasurable courage displayed by Mark Bingham and other passengers in overtaking the terrorists to save our nation from further devastation was an example to the world of what it means to be a true hero. These heroes gave their lives, consciously and knowingly, to thwart further loss of life to our nation's capital. Mark Bingham lived life to its fullest and was adored by many as a charming and bright individual, but also as a man of great compassion, generosity and humility. The naming of the community center, of which Mark Bingham participated in sports and other activities is a fitting and appropriate gesture. It is our San Francisco community that mourns the loss of such an extraordinary resident. Mark Bingham made the ultimate sacrifice for his fellow Americans. A lasting remembrance by the people of San Francisco is the greatest honor we can bestow upon him as a San Franciscan for his courage, his character and for giving his life in service to the country. She stated that she hoped the Commission would look favorably upon the request of his friends and family to have an appropriate and dignified way of honoring Mark Bingham and his memory.

GOLDEN GATE PARK

The Recreation and Park Department anticipates the receipt of two major gifts to various projects in Golden Gate Park from the fundraising efforts of the Friends of Recreation and Parks:

\$1.8 million from the Koret Foundation for the rehabilitation of the Golden Gate Park Children's Playground in the historic Children's Quarter.

\$1.5 million from the Families of Eugene L. Friend and Tad Taube for the Conservatory of Flowers.

These donations come as a package of gifts to Golden Gate Park. The historic Children's Quarter is the area of Golden Gate Park that includes the Carousel, the Sharon Building and the adjacent playground. The Children's Quarter was established in the park in 1888 with the building of the playground and the Sharon building. The carousel followed in 1889. The playground in Golden Gate Park is

the oldest extant playground in the United States.Â Last rebuilt in the 1980's the playground is seriously deteriorated.Â Theories about children's play, playground technology, and safety regulations have changed substantially since the 1970's and 80's.Â The playground is in great need of rehabilitation.Â Despite its condition, it is heavily used.

It is the Department's intention to collaborate with the Friends of Recreation and Parks to completely rehabilitate the playground.Â To that end, the Friends of Recreation and Parks and the Department have interviewed several design consultants with playground expertise.Â We have selected the firm of Moore, Iacofanco and Goldsman, Inc. based in Berkeley to do conceptual design and community outreach for the project.

The Commission is asked to approve: 1) the name of the Koret Children's Quarter and 2) to recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept a gift-in-kind from the Friends of Recreation and Parks for design services valued at approximately \$300,000.00.

On motion by Commissioner Newhouse Segal and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0111-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the name of the Koret Foundation Children's Quarter and recommends that the Board of Supervisors does accept a gift-in-kind from the Friends of Recreation and Parks for design services valued at approximately \$300,000.

Commissioner Friend abstained from voting on this item. Â

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

This project was originally presented in December 2000. The project consists of a warehouse of approximately 7,000 square feet and associated site development, including waste management areas.

This project is part of the Support Facilities project to provide support facilities for Zoo operations and concessions including, but not limited to, the Entry Village and Panorama Café, a warehouse for Zoo operations and concessions, a maintenance building and administrative offices on site to the south of

the Zoo Road service entry.

The funding source for this construction contract is the current approved construction budget for the Warehouse and waste management area of \$1,605,000 from the Zoo Bond. The current construction cost estimate is \$1,622,000. The total project budget is \$2,200,000 from the Zoo Bond and up to \$523,000 in donations to the Zoological Society.

On motion by **Commissioner Bonilla** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0111-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract in the amount of \$1,539,000 for the Zoo Warehouse and waste management area of the San Francisco Zoo to NCCI, Inc. of San Francisco, the lowest responsible bidder as certified by the Human Rights Commission.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

All bidders shall designate their subcontractors in accordance with and shall be subject to the California Subletting and subcontracting Fair Practices Act. All subcontractors performing more than 1/2 of 1% of the contract price at time of bid are required to be listed by the General Contractor on the bid forms. If a request is made to substitute a subcontractor subsequent to receipt of those bid forms, the Commission or its designee must approve the substitution. Staff is asking the Commission to approve a resolution appointing the General Manager or her designee to be the Commission's duly authorized officer and to act on behalf of the Commission for all purposes under the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act and San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 6, section 6.21(A)(9).

On motion by Commissioner Getty and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0111-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution appointing the General Manager or her designee, the Capital Program Manager, to be the Commission's duly authorized officer and to act on behalf of the Commission for all purposes under the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act, California Public Contract Code section 4100, et seq. And San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 6, section 6.21(A)(9).

GOLDEN GATE PARK

Erected in 1878, the Conservatory of Flowers is the oldest building in Golden Gate Park and the Oldest Public greenhouse in California. The Conservatory is primarily a wood and glass structure designed in the Victorian style, the 12,000 square feet structure will be seismically upgraded and rehabilitated in three phases. Phase 1 - Testing phase was completed in March 2001. Phase 2 - was bid in May 5, 2001, and awarded by the Commission in June of this year to ISEC, Inc./Troy's Contracting, a Joint Venture in the amount of \$2,240,333. Phase 3 - is anticipated to begin in January of 2002 and all three phases will be completed in the spring of 2003.

In order to reduce the contract time for Phase 3 and allow for an early start, the Recreation and Park Department and Public Works have pursued construction strategies to accelerate the start of Phase 3.

These include:

Removal of lead paint and asbestos putty from window systems in east wing 123,000

The abatement and disposal of hazardous materials in soil and: 277,593

cataloging and dismantling of east wing structure

Philodendron support 12,610

The total of these efforts previously anticipated in Phase 3 will cost: \$ 413,203

The San Francisco Administrative Code Section 6.22 (H)(2) states that modifications exceeding 10 percent of the base contract price require the approval of the awarding department's Commission.

This proposed change order amount is approximately 19% of the \$2,240,333 Phase 2 original contract price and exceeds the limitations of the Administrative Code. Because this was work originally included in Phase 3 but executed prior to the start of that phase it will accelerate the project by several weeks. Funding for these improvements will come from those project funds identified as Phase 3.

On motion made by Commissioner Chin and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0111-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase of Conservatory of Flowers, Phase 2 Construction Contract from \$2,240,333 to \$2,877,569 to accommodate work anticipated for Phase 3 and accelerate the project completion.

GOLDEN GATE PARK

The San Francisco Administrative Code Section 6.22(H)(1) and (2) state that construction contract price modifications and time extensions exceeding 10 % of the base contract amount and duration require the approval of the awarding department's Commission.

Funds were unavailable at the time of the contract but became available as a gift from the Strybing Arboretum Society. The proposed change order amount of \$190,940 is 16% of the \$1,159,600 base bid, and the additional 30 day extension is 29% of the original contract term. The modification work consists of general painting and flooring replacement work, \$90,000 and \$100,940 respectively.

On motion made by Commissioner Getty and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0111-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase of contract price, from \$1,159,600 to \$1,350,540 and a 30-day extension of time, from 105 to 135 consecutive calendar days, to allow for the award of Alternates 1 & 2 for the Golden Gate Park County Fair Building and Helen Crocker Russell Library re-roofing project.

MOSCONE PLAYGROUND

Moscone Playground is located in the Marina District and bounded by Chestnut, Bay and Laguna Streets to the South, North and East respectively, and by Marina Middle School to the West. In June of 2000, the Recreation and Park Commission approved a conceptual plan to expand and renovate a play area in the West End of the Park.

The Friends of Moscone Playground and Recreation Center would like to move forward with plans to develop art-enrichment pieces that they intend to donate to the Recreation and Park Department once the works are completed. The proposed art pieces consist of the following elements:

Two bronze sculptures to be located in the tot's lawn area. They will replicate species of turtle and starfish that are indigenous to the Bay Area, and will allow small children to play on and around them.

A tiled seat wall that will help separate the tot play area from the older children's section. The tiles will represent artwork composed by park visitors and users.

The artists explained the project in detail and answered questions of the Commission. Sue Chang with the Friends of Moscone Playground and Recreation Center spoke in support of the project and urged the Commission to approve this item.

On motion made by Commissioner Newhouse Segal and duly seconded, the following resolution was

adopted: RES. NO. 0111-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the artistic concept of art-enrichment gifts for the west play area at Moscone Playground.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donald Bird, Friends of Dolores Park, asked the Commission to join them in honoring the heroic acts of September 11th. On December 1st, the Friends will be planting hundreds of daffodils and tulips in the western area of Dolores Park. He also spoke on the dog policy redraft. He would like approval and closure as soon as possible. Reola Freeman discussed the First Tee Program and the need for this program.

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Thursday, December 20, 2001 - 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday,

December 20, 2001 at 2:15 p.m. by President Gordon Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Gordon Chin, President

John Murray, Vice President

Gloria Bonilla

Eugene Friend

Bill Getty

Larry Martin

Lynne Newhouse Segal

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The Environmental Service Training Project became fully operational on December 3rd. The Project which is funded through a grant (\$1.3 million) from the Department of the Environment, is working with residents from the Portero Hill and Bayview Hunters Point communities.Â The Department of Public Works and the Recreation and Park Department have identified specific community projects for the 20 community Environmental Service Workers.Â The project will span 14 months and

will also include comprehensive training for the participants at Strybing Arboretum.Â The project is a unique partnership between City Department's and community non-profits.Â The project will result in the renovation and improved maintenance for various open spaces throughout the targeted communities as well as providing skilled job training for community residents.

A new Safe Haven Program began official operations at Ocean View Recreation Center on November 30th.Â This will be the third fully operational Safe Haven Program within the Department's facilities, with Joseph Lee Recreation Center and Hayes Valley being the other two sites.Â The Safe Haven Programs are funded through the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council and focus on juvenile crime prevention and intervention.Â The Program is staffed by various non-profit agencies and work closely with Department staff to develop successful programming for teens.Â The existing programs have provided significant service to the teens in the communities serviced by the targeted Recreation Centers and have significantly reduced juvenile crime amongst Program participants.

The San Francisco Brown Bombers Pop Warner youth football team advance to Orlando, Florida to compete for the National Championship after completing an undefeated season.Â The team is coached by Assistant Recreation Director, Fulton Mitchell who is assigned to the Joseph Lee Recreation Center.Â The team traveled to Florida on Sunday, December 2, 2001.Â The team was advanced to the championship games where they lost to the team from Boston.

The annual update to the Recreation and Park Department Strategic Plan was attached for review and questions or comments.

Isabel Wade, representing the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee presented a report to the Commission and asked the Commission to clarify expected accounting practice and policy regarding Propositions A and C.Â Elizabeth Goldstein, at President Chin's request gave a detailed response on these issues to the Commission.Â

John Laskin stated that he did not think that we should spend the Department's budget on acquiring more land with the exception of Esprit Park.Â He stated his concern was with possible corruption.Â He felt efforts should not be made to fulfill requirements for buying new land and that the money should be saved for maintenance good parks.

RAINBOW MONTESSORI NURSERY SCHOOL

This item was presented by Jaci Fong.Â Rainbow Montessori Nursery School's current permit commenced September 1, 1999 and will expire August 31, 2002.

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At the November 1998 meeting, the Commission approved an increased monthly fee rate with the increase to be implemented over a three-year period, effective September 1, 1999 along with the condition that the fee will be recalculated each year to reflect fair market value minus approved credits and deductions, on each anniversary of the commencement date of the lease agreement.Â In accordance, staff has calculated the new permit fee for the third year, effective September 1,

2001, at \$763.39 per month. Pending the Commission's approval, Rainbow Montessori has paid the difference of \$629.60. If the new permit fee is approved, the Department will receive \$9,160.68 for the third year.

After detailed discussion and questions by the Commission, on motion made by Commissioner Murray and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted: RES. NO. 0112-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase to the permit fees for Rainbow Montessori Nursery School for the use of the McCoppin Playground Clubhouse located at 24th Avenue and Taraval Streets in San Francisco.

GOLDEN GATE PARK

This item was presented by Kevin Barteaux. The restoration of North Lake is the next major element in the Golden Gate Park 1992 Infrastructure Bond Program. It includes the replacement of the clay liner and treating the lake edges to permit the growth of vegetation, to improve the wildlife habitat, and to prevent further erosion. Other feature of the project include reconstructing the asphalt pathways around the lakes, aerating the lakes to improve water quality and clarity, and re-landscaping the areas that were disturbed during construction. Due to the standardized nature of this type of work, the City awards the contract through competitive bidding with discounts going to local, minority, and woman-owned businesses. All bids received exceeded the construction budget for the project. The Department would like to revise the scope of the project to fit within the construction budget, and immediately re-advertise the contract to solicit new bids. Staff recommended approval on this item.

On motion made by Commissioner Murray and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0112-002

RESOLVED, That this Commission does reject all bids for a project to rehabilitate North Lake in Golden Gate Park.

GOLDEN GATE PARK

This item was presented by Kevin Barteaux. The South Perimeter and Crossover Drive Utilities is a major element in the Golden Gate Park 1992 Infrastructure Bond Program. It includes improvements to sewers, drains, street lighting, pathways and electrical service upgrades in Golden Gate Park. The Department originally planned to remove the trees under the North Lake Rehabilitation contract, which is a separate Park Bond project that the Commission approved in December 2000. Due to time constraints and permitting issues related to the North Lake project, the Department would like to delete the tree removal work from the North Lake contract and add it to the Crossover Drive contract as a change order. The Department will receive a credit change order for deleting the work from the North Lake project. According to staff there are approximately 41 trees that need to be removed under this change order.

The contractor has agreed to perform this work for \$152,000 and staff stated that was a reasonable price.

Commissioner Murray asked if the Department got a separate price bid for this aspect and how did the proposal from this contractor compare. Staff stated that North Lake was a lump sum bid. However, staff stated that in speaking with other contractors, staff felt this was a good price. Commissioner Murray requested that staff verify that the \$152,000 was a legitimate price.

Carolyn Blair representing this San Francisco Tree Council stated that she had not been informed of either last year's hearing or the hearing today and was opposed to the removal of the trees. She was concerned because of the discrepancy in the number of trees staff listed in the report to be removed and the number mentioned at the hearing and asked for clarification on the number. She felt that the trees designated to be removed were of landmark heritage quality and should be kept at all cost. She also suggested that the Department start a landmark and heritage program to acknowledge such historic trees. Phil Carlton also spoke against this item. He asked if the tree project was going out to competitive bidding. Elizabeth Goldstein stated that the proposal was to use an existing contractor that has already been selected in the park. The contractor has given the Department a bid and that is what the Commission had in front of them today. He asked if this had to go out to competitive bid. She stated that the project was originally going to be done in house, but because of other demands the Department was unable achieve this. Mr. Carlton also asked for clarification if this was misinformation in regard to the Sunshine Ordinance and questioned whether this had to be re-noticed because of the discrepancy in the number of trees. Staff stated that the project had started in August of 2000, and the trees had been posted twice with a notice on each tree. Extraordinary steps had been taken to determine if the trees would pose a hazard to the lake or pedestrians. There have been two formal public hearings at McLaren Lodge, and Kelly Cornell, the Department's Chief arborist, has conducted a walk-through on six separate occasions. John Laskin discussed what he believed was a potential conflict within the Department between the Urban Forestry Division and the Natural Areas Program.

Commissioner Murray requested that this item be held and come back to the item once the Commission receives clarification from the City Attorney in regard to the noticing requirement.

GOLDEN GATE PARK CONCOURSE AUTHORITY

Michael Ellzey, Chief Executive Officer of the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority, presented the Transportation Action Plan to the Commission. The Authority was tasked to oversee three separate areas: 1) the design and construction of an underground parking facility, 2) work with the Recreation and Park Department/Commission for the purpose of designing and implementing surface improvements to the concourse area once the underground facility has been constructed and 3) to design and implement a parking and transportation plan for the concourse area and the remainder of the park. He stated that the Authority, at the November 2001 meeting, passed a resolution approving a 2001-02 program and budget for transportation improvement programs to be implemented pursuant to the Golden Gate Park Master Plan and the provisions of Section 8 of Proposition J.

Marilyn Duffy, President of the Duffy Company gave an update on the Transportation

spoke on his request for public information through the Department and what he believed to be a violation of the Sunshine Ordinance. The Commission requested that the City Attorney inform him of the law.

Chris Duderstadt presented the Commission with a series of enlarged photographs he had taken of the park. He also spoke on his knowledge of the Park and how some people are intimidated with that knowledge. Jim Rhoads with HANC, introduced himself and handed out fact sheets on the recycling center. Carolyn Blair spoke on number of trees (32) on the map listed as being removed and the loss of these valuable trees in the Park. She stated that when the trees are cut down the public would be outraged.

Phillip Carlton stated that the lease agreement with the Zoological Society requires 11 meetings of the Joint Zoo Committee each year and that because of a lack of quorum at the last meeting only 10 meetings were held this year. He also stated that David Anderson, does not, on a regular basis attend the Joint Zoo meetings. He believed that it is Mr. Anderson's responsibility to be there. He also stated that there was a violation of USDA standards when the electric fence was torn down.

President Chin acknowledged former Recreation and Park Commissioner Jim Salinas who wished the Commission Happy Holidays. Commissioner Newhouse Segal updated the Commission on the tile wall project at Moscone Recreation Center and complemented the Moscone community and staff their hard work to make the project a success.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and

Park Commission was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur

Commission Secretary

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